

Standards Committee – 27 September 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the **Standards Committee** held on **27 September 2016** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr D Merrick
Vice-Chairman: Cllr R R Dray

Cllr D S Efde
Cllr Mrs I Cassar

Cllr C M Stanley
Cllr M J Steptoe

INDEPENDENT PERSONS (INVITEES NON-VOTING)

Mr P Scott
Mr S Shadbolt
Mrs L Walker

PARISH MEMBERS (CO-OPTED NON-VOTING)

Cllr P A Beckers
Cllr Mrs D A Constable

VISITING MEMBERS

Cllrs Mrs J R Gooding and Mrs L Shaw.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E O K Mason.

SUBSTITUTES

Cllr S A Wilson - for Cllr E O K Mason

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Bostock - Assistant Director, Democratic Services
M Power - Committee Administrator

202 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

203 MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2016/17 – MID-PROGRAMME REVIEW

Members considered the report from the Assistant Director, Democratic Services containing the mid-programme review of the 2016/17 Member Learning and Development Programme.

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During discussion, the following was noted:

- Cllr M J Steptoe advised that the subject of Parish/Town Council attendance at Rochford District Council Member training courses had been raised during his visits during the summer to the District's Parish/Town Councils. Comments included that Parish/Town Councils would find it beneficial for District Council Member training sessions to be delivered direct to the Parish/Town Councils, either to individual Councils in the case of the larger Parish/Town Councils, or to combined groups of the smaller Parish Councils.
- The opportunities for Shared On-Line training/E-learning can be explored and brought to the Standards Committee for consideration. This style of learning will be in addition to and complement existing training.
- The Ethical Framework training had included a series of scenarios aimed at illustrating the learning being covered; Members found this a useful style of training.

Resolved

- (1) That the attendance by Rochford District Councillors at the training courses in Phase 1 of the Programme, as appended to the officer report, be noted.
- (2) That the content of the training programme to date and the forthcoming opportunities for the remainder of 2016/17 be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm.

Chairman

Date

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