

Time commenced – 4:02pm
Adjourned – 4.15pm
Reconvened – 4.20pm
Adjourned - 4.40pm
Reconvened – 4.45pm
Adjourned - 5.25pm
Reconvened – 5.35pm
Finished - 5:50pm

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
26 JANUARY 2016**

Present: Councillors Jackson, Shanker and Winter and Alan Cameron, Ian Green, Peter Purnell and Philip Sunderland

Advisor: Janie Berry - Monitoring Officer

05/15 Apologies

There were no apologies.

06/15 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

07/15 Declarations of Interest

Janie Berry Monitoring Officer declared an interest in item 5 on the agenda (minute no 09/15) because the procedure related to her role as Monitoring Officer.

08/15 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4 November 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2014 were noted.

09/15 Disciplinary Procedures for Senior Officers

The Committee considered a report which stated that Council at its meeting on 22 July 2015 had approved a report on the Disciplinary Procedures for Senior Officers. The changes to the procedures involved the use of independent persons. The changes were set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

Members of the Committee requested that should they be called upon to be part of the disciplinary process that they receive the appropriate training.

Janie Berry having declared an interest in the above item left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

Resolved

- 1. to note that Council procedures were amended to give effect to the new arrangements for disciplining and dismissal of senior staff as set out in the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/881); and**
- 2. to request that Members be trained as appropriate.**

Janie Berry returned to the meeting.

10/15 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

11/15 Summary of Progress with Member Complaints 2014/15

The Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer on Summary of Progress with Member Complaints 2014/15.

Resolved to note the report.

12/15 Summary of Progress with Member Complaints 2015/16

The Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer on Summary of Progress with Member Complaints 2015/16.

Resolved to note the report.

13/15 Re-admission of the Press and Public

Resolved to re-admit the press and public.

14/15 Determination of a Complaint Received Under the Code of Conduct for Members

Resolved to defer the matter to a future meeting.

MINUTES END