

Time commenced – 6.01pm
Finished – 7.05pm

STANDARDS COMMITTEE **4 April 2017**

Present: Councillors Shanker (Chair), A Holmes, Jackson, Whitby and Stuart Green, Peter Purnell and Philip Sunderland

In Attendance: Janie Berry – Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

47/15 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Graves and Alan Cameron.

48/15 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

49/15 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

50/15 Minutes of the meetings held on 31 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2017 was agreed as a correct record.

51/15 Ethical Governance Update

The Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer on Ethical Governance Update.

It was reported that the Council had been through a process to refresh the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) and that this was the panel which was responsible for making recommendations on the allowances paid to Councillors. It was also reported that appointments were made to the IRP at a meeting of the Audit and Account Committee on 22 March 2017. It was noted that the IRP was to undertake a complete review of Member allowances.

Members discussed the work of the Audit and Accounts Committee. Members noted that training for Audit and Accounts Committee Members had taken place on 23 January 2017. Members were asked to decide whether or not this should become annual mandatory training for Members of the Audit and Accounts Committee. It was agreed that the training should be mandatory for Members of the Audit and Accounts Committee and should also be offered to all Elected Members. The Monitoring Officer reported that the training would be part of the Member induction that takes place after

elections. It was also agreed that all Members should receive Standards training immediately before a future meeting of Council.

It was reported that two new mandatory courses had recently been added to the DCC e-learning portal and that these were Corporate Governance – An Overview and An Overview of the Data Protection Act 1998. Elected Member completion of mandatory courses was discussed. It was agreed that the Monitoring Officer should send out a reminder to Elected Members about the courses that must be completed and that an update may be required at a future meeting.

It was noted that a by-election was held in Derwent Ward in March 2017 and that the seat was won by Stephen Willoughby.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel;**
- 2. to agree that the training for Audit and Accounts Committee Members becomes mandatory annual training which is also offered to all Elected Members;**
- 3. to agree that all Elected Members receive Standards training immediately before a future meeting of Council.**
- 4. to note the update on Elected Member completion of mandatory courses on the DCC e-learning portal; and**
- 5. to note the election and training of Councillor Stephen Willoughby, Derwent Ward.**

**52/15 Summary of Progress with Member Complaints
2016/17**

The Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer on Summary of Progress with Member Complaints 2016/17.

Members noted that the report summarised the progress and the outcomes of complaints that had been received in the 2016/17 municipal year or were carried over from the 2015/16 municipal year. It was reported that fourteen complaints about Councillors had been received in the 2016/17 municipal year and that four complaints were carried over from the 2015/16 municipal year.

Resolved to note the information contained in Appendix 2 of the report.

MINUTES END