

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8th December 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Stanton (Conservative Group).

Labour Group

Councillor Mrs Stuart.

Independent Persons

Mr P Purnell and Mr P Smith

SC/1 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Atkin (Conservative Group) and Pearson (Labour Group).

SC/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2013 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SC/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

SC/4 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

SC/5 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE

SC/6 **SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS**

The Committee received the Report summarising the complaints investigated by the Monitoring Officer and the action taken in each case.

Mr Purnell observed that in all but one case no further action had been deemed necessary as they fell outside the remit of the Members Code of Conduct and queried the possible alternative options. The Monitoring Officer duly outlined the various alternative actions that can be considered. Mr Purnell commented on the protection of ethical standards, the work undertaken when complaints are received and the training provision in this area.

Councillor Harrison queried the cost implications relating these matters. The Monitoring Officer informed the Committee that such costs were budgeted for.

RESOLVED:-

That the summary of complaints considered by the Monitoring Officer and Independent Persons be noted.

The Meeting terminated at 6.10pm.

COUNCILLOR J HARRISON

CHAIRMAN