

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

16 February 2016

Attendance:

Councillor E Berry (Chairman) (P)

Councillors:

Izard (P)
Johnston (P)
Mather (P)

Osborne
Phillips (P)
Rutter (P)

Parish Representatives (non-voting co-optees) in attendance:

Mr J Chapman and Ms M Hill

Independent Persons (non-voting advisors) in attendance:

Mr B Bailey, Canon Dr R Lindley and Mr J Spokes

1. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that this meeting of the Committee was the last that Stephen Whetnall (Chief Operating Officer) would attend before he retired from the Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Whetnall for his long and loyal service for over 27 years and for his support to all Councillors, and to her as Chairman of the Standards Committee.

The Committee and Mr Whetnall reciprocated appropriately.

2. **MINUTES**

The Committee noted that the minutes had not recorded that Councillor Johnston had been appointed as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year. It was agreed that this be corrected.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the above correction, the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 28 September 2016 be approved and adopted.

3. **STANDARDS ISSUES - UPDATE**

(Report ST112 refers)

The Chief Operating Officer advised that Independent Persons and Parish Representatives had informally evaluated meetings of Cabinet, The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Planning Committee and for the first time this year; the Winchester Town Forum.

It was noted that there had been no areas of concern raised with regard to probity and ethics and that those areas highlighted with regards general management and administration had been addressed as far was practically possible. It was not considered that additional questions were necessary at this time for future monitoring exercises.

RESOLVED:

1 That the Independent Persons and Parish Representatives be thanked for undertaking the monitoring of committee meetings, to ascertain the level of compliance with the Code of Conduct and other guidance.

2 That the comments made be noted and that no further actions be necessary, beyond those referred to in the report.

4. That the content of this report and any additional comments from the Committee be drawn to the attention of all Group Leaders, chairmen and the relevant officers.

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm and concluded at 6.30pm.

Chairman