STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SPECIAL MEETING)

21 March 2017

Attendance:

Councillor Thacker (Chairman)
Councillor Berry (Vice Chair in the Chair) (P)

Councillors:

Bell Mather Izard (P) Read (P) Laming

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

None, as Councillors to consider appointments to be made

Independent Persons (non voting advisors) in attendance:

None, as Councillors to consider appointments to be made.

1. MINUTES

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised that with regard to Item 3 (Independent Persons and Parish Representatives Recruitment (Report ST114 refers)) there was an error at Resolution 3. This should be corrected to read (see change in italics): 'That a special meeting of the Standards Committee be held to determine its recommendations to full Council on the appointment of three Independent Persons and the three Parish Representatives.' It was agreed that the published minute be edited to reflect this change.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the above correction, the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 30 January 2017 be approved and adopted.

2. <u>APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES</u>

(Oral Update)

It was noted that an informal recruitment panel of the Standards Committee had convened immediately prior to the meeting to consider the applications received for both roles. As it had previously been agreed that the three posts of the Winchester City Council Independent Persons be a shared resource, acting also as an Independent Person (collectively) for Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service authority (HFRS), the informal recruitment panel (when considering those roles) had included a representative of HFRS.

Accordingly, the Panel recommended appointments to be made to the roles of the three Independent Persons and the three Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee. As all the applications for the above positions contained personal information, the Committee agreed that both sets of appointments should be dealt with in exempt session.

RESOLVED:

That the Standards Committee consider in exempt session the recommended appointments to be made to the roles of the three Independent Persons and the three Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee.

3. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

- 1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Item</u>		Description of Exempt Information
###	Appointment of Independent Persons and Parish Representatives)))	Information relating to any individual (Para 1 Schedule 12A refers)

4. <u>APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES (APPLICATIONS)</u>

(Oral Update)

Having considered the informal appointment panel's recommended applicants, the Committee made a recommendation to Council regarding the appointment of Independent Persons and Parish Representatives (details in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 2.45pm and concluded at 2.50pm.