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Items considered in public

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Moema, and Ms Louison – Co-opted Member. <b>NOTED</b>
2	URGENT BUSINESS	There were no items of urgent business. <b>NOTED</b>
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	Deputy Mayor Bramble advised retrospectively during consideration of Item 13 that she was a Member of the LGA. This declaration was also made on her published declaration form. <b>NOTED</b>
4	To note the Terms of the reference of the Standards Committee	<b>RESOLVED</b> <b>That the terms of reference of the Standards Committee be noted.</b>
5	Petitions/Questions or deputation requests	There were no petitions, questions or deputations. <b>NOTED</b>
6	TO CONFIRM THE UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2020	<b>RESOLVED</b> That the unrestricted Minutes of the Standards Committee held on 13 February 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.
7	Standards Committee Draft Work	<b>RESOLVED</b>

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	Programme 2020/21	That approval be given to the draft work programme for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
<b>8</b>	Annual report of the Standards Committee 2019/20	<b>RESOLVED</b>  That the Standards Committee Annual Report for 2019/20, as attached at Appendix 1 & 2 of the report be agreed, and endorsed for submission to Full Council for consideration..
<b>9</b>	Annual ICT report and update on activity in 2019/20, and proposals for 2020/21	<b>RESOLVED</b>  i. That the annual update on Members’ use of ICT for 2019/20 be noted;  ii. That the progress with delivery of Data Protection training and refresh of ICT equipment for Members be noted; and  iii. That the successful implementation of virtual committee meetings and live streaming be noted.
<b>10</b>	Member Training and Development Update for 2019/20 and proposals for 2020/21	<b>RESOLVED</b>  That the Member Training and Development Update for 2019/20 and proposals for 2020/21 as detailed in the report be noted.
<b>11</b>	Verbal update on complaints received in relation to members since February 2020 to date	<b>RESOLVED</b>  That the verbal update of the Director of Legal and Governance in advising the

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		<b>Committee of no complaints being received against Members/Co-opted Members from February 2020 to date be noted.</b>
<b>12</b>	Verbal update on the current position with regards to recommendations arising from the Government's Committee on Standards in Public Life on the subject of ethical standards in local government	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>i. That the verbal update of the Director of Legal and Governance in advising the Standards Committee of the still awaited Government implementation of primary legislative changes to existing powers in relation to the recommendations arising from the Government's Committee on Standards in Public Life on the subject of ethical standards in local government, be noted;</b></p> <p><b>ii. That it be noted that this matter will be updated upon at each Standards Committee in the future and that as soon as the primary legislation changes were made the matter of implications and proposed revisions to the current Standards regime would be reported to the Standards Committee; and</b></p> <p><b>iii. That arising from the discussions of the current COVID 19 emergency pandemic and the affects of the situation on Members in respect of possible inadvertent infringements of the current code in light of new work practices and subsequent challenges as a result, a report reviewing such implications and other related concerns be brought to the Standards in February 2021.</b></p>
<b>13</b>	Draft Model Members Code of Conduct proposals recommended by the Local Government Association	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>i. That the report of the Local Government Association (LGA) in respect of recommendations contained at appendix 1 to the report with regard to its proposed member model code of conduct, be noted;</b></p> <p><b>ii. That it be agreed that a review of the existing Member of Code of Conduct as</b></p>

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		<p>detailed in appendix 2 to the report to be carried out with a view to considering modifying the existing code where required ;</p> <p>iii. That a Member/officer task and finish group be established to convene on an ad-hoc basis through to the autumn/winter of 2020 to assess and draw comparisons between the Council’s current adopted code and the proposed LGA model code of conduct and report these findings to either a special meeting of the Standards Committee in the late autumn of 2020, or at its scheduled Standards Committee in February 2021 together with recommendations for revisions to the existing Code of Conduct, and approval of revisions and recommendation to Full Council for adoption thereto; and</p> <p>iv. the proposed membership of the task and finish group as agreed in iii. above be comprised of two Councillor or more of Standards Committee, two or more co-opted members of Standards Committee, the Director of Legal &amp; Governance, a senior lawyer, and the Clerk to Standards Committee in a governance support capacity, and that the invitation to join the task and finish group be extended to all backbench members of the Council.</p>
14	Any other unrestricted business the Chair considers to be urgent	<p>There were no items of unrestricted urgent business.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
15	Exclusion of the Public & Press	<p>There were no urgent items of exempt business to consider therefore there was no require to pass the exclusion motion.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>

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16	Any other exempt business the Chair considers to be urgent	NIL