

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
HELD ON
TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2022**

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Chair:	Deputy Mayor Bramble
Councillors in Attendance:	Cllr Katie Hanson; Cllr Carole Williams; Cllr Caroline Woodley
Apologies:	None Given
Officers in Attendance:	Dawn Carter-McDonald, Director of Legal and Governance Services Louise Humphreys, Head of Legal and Governance Services Andrew Spragg, Governance Services Team Leader

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence. Councillors Kofo David, Anna Lynch and Sem Moema joined the meeting remotely. Co-Opted Members Nicola Hanns and Aofie Scannell joined the meeting remotely. The Independent Person Feryal Ertan joined the meeting remotely.

2. Declarations of Interest - Members to declare as appropriate

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. Unrestricted Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Standards Committee held on 13 July 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. Adoption of new Councillor Code of Conduct

- 4.1 The Head of Legal and Governance Services introduced the report. The Chair highlighted her involvement with the Local Government Association (LGA) as Chair of the Children and Young People Board and previous role as Deputy Leader of the LGA Labour Group. She thanked the Task and Finish Group and officers for their work, and referenced draft guidance

related to the harassment and intimidation of local councillors which she felt complemented the Code.

- 4.2 Officers outlined that the Code of Conduct training would be mandatory for new and returning Councillors in May 2022, and that a range of different training models would be used to ensure maximum impact.

RESOLVED:

- i) **To recommend to Full Council that the revised Councillor Code of Conduct be adopted and come into effect following the elections in May 2022.**
- ii) **To recommend to Full Council that the Councillor Code of Conduct Guidance and the Code of Conduct Complaints Assessment, Investigations and Hearings Procedure Note be endorsed for use alongside the Councillor Code of Conduct.**

5. Assessment and Hearing Sub-Committees: Terms of Reference

- 5.1 The Governance Services Team Leader introduced the report. There were no further comments.

RESOLVED:

- i) **To approve the terms of reference for the Assessment Sub-Committee**
- ii) **To approve the terms of reference for the Hearing Sub-Committee**

6. Dates of Future Meetings - 16 February 2022

- 6.1 The Committee noted its next meeting in February 2022.

End of Meeting

Duration of the meeting: 7pm - 7.20pm

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