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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

24 JUNE 2015

PRESENT

Councillors Dr. K. Barclay (in the chair) R. Bowker, M. Freeman, P. Lally, A. Mitchell and P. Myers

In attendance

Richard Brown	Independent Person
Jane Le Fevre	Monitoring Officer
Alexander Murray	Democratic & Scrutiny Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. Procter, C. Boyes, L. Dagnall, D. Jarman, A. Williams, Mr. D. Goodman, Mr. C.E.G. Griffiths, A. Rudden and Mrs. S. Royle

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by members.

2. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE 2015/16

RESOLVED: The committee noted the appointments of Councillor Dr Barclay as Chairman and Councillor Procter as Vice Chairman for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE 2015/16

RESOLVED: The membership of the committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16 was noted.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE 2015/16

RESOLVED: The Terms of Reference were noted.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 March 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. HARMONISED CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

The committee reviewed a report from the Acting Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources. The report detailed the new Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) proposed by STaR Joint Procurement Services.

The CPRs combine procurement best practice from the three affected councils and take changes in UK and EU procurement laws and standards into account.

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The Monitoring Officer answered member's questions in relation to the proposed CPRs and the impact they will have on procurement within Trafford Council.

RESOLVED: the Committee approved the new Contract Procedure Rules for incorporation within Trafford Council's constitution.

7. LOCAL STANDARDS UPDATE - ISSUES

The Monitoring Officer (MO) confirmed that there were no local standards issues raised since the last meeting 4 March 2015.

The MO attended the Monitoring Officer conference which looked at the new national standards for local authorities. The MO informed the committee that Trafford Council's Code of Conduct and processes are in line with the new standards.

The MO gave the Committee a brief overview of The Hansard Society's Audit of Political Engagement noting how the report highlights the importance of maintaining a good relationship with the community.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.15 pm