

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

20 MARCH 2023

PRESENT

Councillor K. Procter (in the Chair).

Councillors Mrs. P. Young (Vice-Chair), W. Frass, S.J. Gilbert, D. Jerrome, and S. Maitland.

Co-opted Members: Mr. C.E.J. Griffiths, Mr R. Brown, Mr. A. Rudden and Mr M. Whiting

In attendance

Emma Malpas

Stephanie Ferraioli

Head of Legal and Governance

Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dr. S. Carr, D. Jarman, M. Mirza, A. New, D. Western, and Co-opted Members Mr. D. Goodman and Ms. N. Jackson

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2022 be noted as a true and correct record.

7. INDUCTION TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS

The Chair gave an overview of the report, and it was noted that perhaps the only point of view missing was feedback from Members who had attended the induction training.

Councillor Maitland confirmed it was a good induction and Councillor Gilbert observed that when new Members join it would be helpful if they received an explanation of what is expected of them in their new role, so they have a clear picture.

One Councillor stated that in view of the all-out election this year maybe they could do the training prior to the election. They were informed this is an unorthodox method and unlikely to take place.

Chair would like the members feedback to be included in the report.

Councillor Jerrome stated that a two-hour session is too long if you have a daytime job.

Councillor Maitland commented that although it is an annual thing, the training does not have to be done in a two-hour session, but it is possible to attend for part of it.

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Councillor Frass confirmed he completed the training in half hour chunks and found it beneficial.

Councillor Young informed that more experienced Members would be more than happy to assist new ones if approached.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That feedback from Councillors be included in future training.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE FOR COUNCILLORS

The Chair presented the report and informed that this was for wider sharing too if Members felt someone would benefit from the guidance. He also mentioned that given that Councillors received training on social media about three years ago, maybe this could now be revisited. Members agreed this would be of great benefit to all.

Councillor Gilbert said the report was very interesting and very measured.

RESOLVED: That social media guidance training be included in the package for Members.

9. DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICERS REPORT

The Head of Legal and Governance informed the Committee that nothing had arisen since the last meeting which needed to be brought to their attention.

10. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

There was no urgent business to discuss but the Chair informed the Committee of Mr. Goodman's resignation from the Committee, who had served as a co-opted member of the Committee for the last 23 years and would be missed.

The Chair also thanked Councillor Young for her hard work on the Committee, as she was standing down at the forthcoming election.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.30 pm