

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Hall (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors G Bond, B Emery, D Fowler, T Hall, I Herdman,
J T Jones, I Lawson and P Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE: M Trillo Executive Director (People) and Monitoring
Officer
L Vernon Senior Officer (Governance and Member
Support)
Mr H Mawdsley Independent Person
Cllr D Fowler Parish Representative
Cllr B Cawley

APOLOGIES: Councillors A Banks, K Jackson and Councillor BHughes

36 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS MEETING.**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2018 be approved
as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

37 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY:**

There were no declarations of interest were made.

38 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT**

Members considered a report that provides a review of councillor development
events for the previous 12 months. Positive feedback was received with regards to
the data protection seminar offered to district and parish councillors. It was reported
that a number of case studies would be produced for the Code of Conduct Seminar
to illustrate the 7 principles of public life.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

39 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS CONSULTATION**

The report informed the Committee about the outcome of the Local Government
Ethical Standards Review. Members discussed the implications of using social
media, the ability for councillors to comment on matters in a private capacity and the
need to strike a balance between the introduction of a national code that also took

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into account local issues. The committee also debated the declaration of other interests.

RESOLVED:

That the content of the report be noted.

40 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated.

41 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

42 **STANDARDS COMPLAINTS MONITORING REPORT.**

Members noted the contents of a report regarding complaints made under the Code of Conduct.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

_____Chairman _____Date