

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (HPBC)

Meeting: Wednesday, 11 November 2020 at 6.30 pm in Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor R Quinn (Chair)

Councillors S Gardner, E Longden and P Roberts

Messrs P Carnall, P Matthews and Councillors A Barrow, J Collins and A Barrow were also in attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Abbots and T Ashton

20/29 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

20/30 REVIEW INTO ETHICAL STANDARDS BY THE COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS INTO PUBLIC LIFE
(Agenda Item 4)

Consideration was given to the consultation exercise and public sector survey in respect of a review by the Committee for Standards in Public Life into current principles, institutions, and arrangements for upholding standards in public life. Discussion took place on promoting best practice. Any additional responses by early December were welcomed.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report be noted and Officers authorised to feed back any relevant response to the consultation exercise.

20/31 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
(Agenda Item 5)

A review of the work of the Standards Committee during 2019/2020 was considered. It was reported that the Parish Councillors, who had expressed interest in the Co-opted Town/Parish representative vacancies had resigned and replacements would be sought. The vacancy for an Independent person would be considered at the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

20/32 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL LETTER
(Agenda Item 6)

Consideration was given to the content of the Ombudsman's Annual Letter for the period April 2019 – March 2020.



RESOLVED: That the content of the Ombudsman's Annual Letter (Appendix A to the report) be noted.

20/33 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT
(Agenda Item 7)

There was a review of councillor development activities held over the last 12 months. It was reported that course materials and presentations were available to all members via the councillors' portal on the intranet.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

20/34 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as there may be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

20/35 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

20/36 COMPLAINTS – REVIEW AND MONITORING REPORT
(Agenda Item 10)

Standards complaints received by the Monitoring Officer since the previous Committee meeting were discussed.

The meeting concluded at 7.02 pm

CHAIRMAN