

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Monday, 17 September 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Patel (Chair); Councillor Oldham (Deputy Chair); Councillors Bottwood, Kilbride and Marriott and Parish Councillor Lewis (co optee) and Parish Councillor Hook (co optee)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Eales, B Markham, and Russell and Kim Holland (Co Optee.) and Roger Rumsey (Co Optee.)

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

3. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT ARRANGEMENTS COMPLAINTS

The Standards Committee received a report detailing statistics in relation to Code of Conduct Arrangements complaints.

The Standards Committee discussed the complaints listed.

RESOLVED That:

- (1) The statistical data in relation to the number of complaints received and dealt with is noted.
- (2) Statistical data in relation to the number of complaints received and dealt with is presented to the Committee at each meeting.

6. TRAINING STRATEGY - ETHICAL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Standards Committee reviewed its Training Strategy noting the training listed. Training from the Strategy would commence in October 2018.

It was suggested that as Parish Councils are invited to attend training sessions that "Parish Councillors" is included in the Training Strategy.

AGREED: 1) That the Training Strategy is noted and it will be further reviewed in September 2019.

2) That "Parish Councillors" is included within the Training Strategy.

7. ETHICAL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS TRAINING

The Standards Committee was reminded of the first modules of training that would be

delivered in October 2018. They would be delivered by an external trainer and would cover:

Module One

The Code of Conduct and local arrangements for case handling. This would look at both 'behavioural' aspects of the Code and rules around registration and declaration of interests. The Trainers will use real case examples.

Module Two

An introduction to Local Authorities as corporate bodies, the constitution and principles of decision making; member - officer roles and working; and the roles of the statutory officers

It was noted that all Councillors, co optees and Parish Councillors had been invited to attend the training. Disappointment was conveyed that just two Parish Councillors had booked onto the training sessions.

Details of the training was noted.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 5:07 pm