

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Monday, 19 March 2018

**PRESENT:** Councillor Oldham (Deputy Chair, in the Chair); Councillors Bottwood, Kilbride, B Markham, Marriott and Smith, Roger Rumsey (Independent Member Co Optee) and Parish Councillor Linda Hook (Parish Councillor Co Optee)

### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Suresh Patel, Councillor Cathrine Russell and Kim Holland (Independent Member Co Optee.)

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2017 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. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS

The Committee discussed the draft response to the Stakeholder Consultation: Review of Local Government Ethical Standards that had been put together by the Standards Working Group (Work Plan). The detail of the responses was noted.

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) The responses to the consultation of the Government Committee on Standards in Public Life on local government ethical standards is approved.

(2) The Monitoring Officer submits the Committee's responses to the consultation to the Government Committee on Standards in public life.

**7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2017/2018**

The Standards Committee considered the draft Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2017/2018, noting the content contained within.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2017/2018 is approved.

**8. WORK PLAN FOR 2018/2019**

The Standards Committee considered the draft Work Plan for 2018/2019 that had been recommended for approval by the Standards Working Group (Work Plan).

RESOLVED: That the Work Plan for 2018/2019 for the Standards Committee is approved.

**9. 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 5:30 pm