

Standards Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2012

Present: Independent Co-opted Members: Professor S Hardy – in the Chair - Mrs A Isles

City Councillors: P Andrews, M Clayton, G Evans, A Taylor, and A Trotman
Ringway Parish Councillor: C O'Donovan

Also present in their capacity as Independent Persons: Mr A Eastwood

ST/12/06 Former Councillor Tom O'Callaghan

The Committee and those present stood in silence to show their respect for former Councillor Tom O'Callaghan, a long-serving member of the Committee, who had passed away in October.

ST/12/07 Membership

The Chair welcomed to the meeting all those present, and the members noted the changes to the Committee's membership following the enactment of the provisions of the Localism Act.

ST/12/08 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the committee meeting held on 25 June 2012 as a correct record.

ST/12/08 Update and Work Programme

A report was submitted by the City Solicitor to advise the Committee of the formal appointment by Council at its meeting on 10 October 2012 of the Council's Independent Persons; and the Independent Co-Opted Members of the Council's Standards Committee.

These appointments were noted by the Committee. The Committee thanked those Councillors and Officers involved in the reconstitution process of the Committee.

The report also set out a suggested work programme for the next two meetings of the Committee.

Monday 14 January 2013

Dispensations to be granted pursuant to Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.
Update on how the Council's new local Code of Conduct for Members and Arrangements for dealing with complaints

Monday 11 March 2013

Revision of "Use of Council Resources Guidance for Members"

Revision of the Council's "Gifts and Hospitality Guidance for Members"

Revision of the Council's "Member / Officer Relations Protocol"

Revision of "Code of Corporate Governance"

Update on how the Council's new local Code of Conduct for Members and

Arrangements for dealing with complaints

Draft Guidance on the Investigation of Complaints

This programme was adopted. Members also asked officers to consider how best to meet the training needs of the Committee members.

Lastly the report provided the Committee with a copy of the Code of Conduct and arrangements adopted at the City Council meeting on 11 July 2012.

Decisions

1. To note the report and approve the suggested work programme.
2. To request that officers consider how best to train Committee members who would be considering complaints in the event of receipt of complaints.