

## **Standards Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2016**

#### **Present**

Independent Co-opted Members: G Linnell – In the Chair  
Councillors Andrews, Connolly, Cooley and Lanchbury  
Ringway Parish Council: Councillor C O'Donovan

#### **Apologies**

Councillor Evans  
Independent Co-opted Member: N Jackson  
Independent Person: S Beswick, A Eastwood

#### **ST/16/11      Minutes**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of 3 November 2016 for approval. The Committee were informed that Annual Report will be submitted to the January meeting of Council (see item ST/16/06). The Committee were further informed that the review of the Procedure relating to complaints against members is ongoing and that a report would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee on this matter (see item ST/16/10).

#### **Decision**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2016 as a correct record.

#### **ST/16/12      Draft Code of Corporate Governance**

The Committee received the report of the Deputy City Treasurer which provided members with the Draft Code of Corporate Governance for comment. The Performance Manager, Place and Core introduced the report.

The Performance Manager informed the Committee that the Code had been written in accordance with revised published guidance. He said that both the Audit Committee and the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee had considered this report at their recent meetings.

He informed the Committee that the opportunity had been taken to review the language used within the Code to remove any unnecessary technical language. He further advised that the Code had been written to incorporate the core values of the Council and the 'Our Manchester' approach, with a particular focus on economic and environmental sustainability and procurement and commissioning standards.

The Committee saw no need for further amendments.

#### **Decision**

The Committee recommended that the Code of Corporate Governance be submitted to Council for approval within the Constitution.

### **ST/16/13      Work Programme for the Committee**

Members were invited to review the Committee's future work programme. A query was raised regarding the review of the Social Media Guidance for Members. It was reported that the Social Media Guidance is currently being reviewed and that the revised guidance together with proposals for training on the revised guidance would be brought to a future meeting of the committee. It was requested that this be added to the work programme for consideration at the March 2017 meeting. The Committee agreed this proposal.

A member then raised a query regarding the Gifts and Hospitality guidance for members and asked if this could be circulated to members. It was discussed that this guidance is available as part of the Council's Constitution and it was agreed that this guidance should be circulated to all members.

### **Decision**

1. To approve the Work Programme subject to the above amendment.
2. That the Gifts and Hospitality Guidance for members be circulated to all Council members.