STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Meeting: 16 September 2024 At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mr Stephen Clarke (Independent Member) (Chair) in the chair; Councillor; Councillors Asa Caton, Anna Charles-Jones, Liz Crix, Dan Oliver, Paul Wright, Andrew Stewart (Independent Member) and Val Cottam (Independent Person).

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 24 June 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interests which they may have had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions were submitted.

5. ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING COUNCILLOR CONDUCT

The Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which updated the Standards Committee on complaints received by the Monitoring Officer about the conduct of members during the 2023/24 municipal year.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

• Members asked whether the training offered in complaint number 3 had been taken up? In response, the Committee was advised that the training had not been arranged yet but the Member had confirmed that they will attend. Training will also be offered to other members and/or group whips.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that it proceeds to the CRMG Scrutiny and Cabinet Meeting, followed by the Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm