

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of this Committee held on  
3 July 2017

(Present) Councillor Roberts (Chairman)  
Councillors De'Asha, J Jackson, P Jackson and Maloney.

(Not Present) Councillors Deakin, J Johnson, Jones, Lynch and Sims.

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### 7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Johnson and Jones.

### 8 MINUTES

\* Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 be approved and signed.

### 9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

### 10 MEMBERS' TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

A report was submitted which informed Members of a summary of the Training and Development Courses offered to Members from 1 January 2017 to 22 June 2017.

A Councillor Training and Development Events Report was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Member Training had always been promoted and supported as an effective way to ensure that Members were properly equipped to fulfill the wide-ranging important roles required of them.

\* Resolved that the report be noted.

### 11 OMBUDSMAN CASES – JANUARY 2017 TO MAY 2017

A report was submitted which informed the Committee of Ombudsman cases from 1 January 2017 to 31 May 2017.

The report summarised the number of complaints against the Council determined by the Ombudsman which were also explained by the Monitoring Officer. The committee noted that the number reported for complaints closed after initial enquiries due to 'Out of Jurisdiction' was two and not three as reported in Appendix 1.

\* Resolved that the report be noted.

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### 12 UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS

A verbal report was made by the Monitoring Officer which updated the Committee on complaints received alleging breaches of the Code of Conduct. Council had delegated powers to the Monitoring Officer to consider complaints and determine if they should be the subject of a full investigation.

Since the last meeting, the Monitoring Officer had received complaints regarding one Elected Member which the Deputy Monitoring Officer was dealing with.

The Monitoring Officer also updated Members on the recommendations from the previous meeting regarding the Parish Councillors' letters of apology and training scheduled for Billinge Chapel End Parish Councillors.

Members were satisfied that the delegations had been used appropriately in the circumstance outlined.

\* **Resolved that the report be noted.**

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