STANDARDS COMMITTEE

2ND MARCH, 2023

PRESENT: MR R. ALEXANDER (CHAIR)

Mr S. Williams Mr R. Lynch Ms J. White

Councillor M. Cross Councillor L. Winnett

WITH: Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance

(Monitoring Officer)

Data Protection & Governance Officer

1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

No requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Ms S. Rosser Councillor J. Thomas

3. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u>

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 24TH JANUARY, 2023

The decisions of the Standards Committee held on the 24th January, 2023 were submitted.

The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. ACTION SHEET

The Action Sheet arising from the meeting held on 24th January, 2023 was submitted.

The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted and raised the following points:-

- That the suggestion be made to the Leader that the Standards Committee be renamed 'Ethics & Standards Committee' at Annual Council.
- That the current involvement of the Standards Committee to support Town/Community Councils work to remain as it currently stands.
- The matter of Town/Community Council representation at the Standards Committee meetings be pursued.
- Enhanced description of the work and composition/profile of the Standards Committee be included on the existing webpage including the inclusion of the Annual Report.

6. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

Consideration was given to the Annual Report 2021-22.

The Committee AGREED that the Annual Report be approved and be presented to Council on 30th March, 2023 and also raised the following points:-

- The Chair to be invited to attend Council on 30th March to answer any questions/clarify points that may be raised in relation to the Standards Committee Annual Report.
- Annual Reports to be developed in January each year with a Standards Committee being held annually in February to discuss, with report going forward to Council in March.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee to be convened late May/early June 2023.