**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

21 July 2021

**Present** – Councillors Ireton (Chairman), Metcalfe, and Whitaker.

**Independent Persons (non-voting):** Roger Millin and John Boumphrey.

**Parish Representative (non-voting):** Marion Swales.

**Officers** – Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Apologies – Councillors Mercer and Solloway and Parish Representative Dan Balsamini.

Start: 6.30pm Finish: 18.55pm

The minutes of the Committee’s meeting held on 10 March 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

**Minutes for Report**

STN.386 **WORK PROGRAMME 2021/2022**

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report which invited Members to consider and set the Work Programme for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

It was suggested that the Council’s Whistleblowing Policy and Probity in Planning Guidance was reviewed. The Polices were last reviewed in 2018. Members were reminded that unscheduled items may be constituted on an ad-hoc basis.

**Resolved** – That the work of the Committee during 2020/21 is noted and the Committee’s Work Programme for 2021/2022 is agreed.

STN.387 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT (2021)**

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report which updated the Committee in respect of the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2021. The LGA published the supporting guidance which would be presented to the Committee at its next meeting. Members emphasised the importance that a gap-analysis was carried out between the Model Coe and the Council’s Code of Conduct for Members.

**Resolved** – That the contents of the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct is noted and the Monitoring Officer is tasked to carry out a gap-analysis between the Model Code and the Council’s Code of Conduct for Members and reports back findings.

STN.388 **STANDARDS BULLETIN 2020/21**

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) presented a report which

**Resolved** – That the

STN.389 **MONITORING REPORT**

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report which updated Members on the Code of Conduct complaints received following the last report to Committee on 4 November 2020. Members noticed the significant increase in complaints and were updated with the progress of each alleged breach.

**Resolved –** That the Monitoring Report to date is noted.

 *Chairman*