

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Present** – Councillors Ireton (Chairman), Mercer, Solloway and Whitaker.  
**Independent Persons (non-voting)** : John Boumphrey and Roger Millin. **Parish Representatives** : Veronicka Dancer

**Officers** – Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) and Partnerships Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Independent Person Peter Charleworth, Parish Representatives Michael Rooze and Robert Stead.

Start: 7pm

Finish: 8.10pm

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **Minutes for Report**

STN.343

#### **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY**

Further to Minute STN.339/17-18, the Partnerships Manager submitted a briefing paper setting out the duties places on public bodies as defined in the Equality Act 2010. These duties also applied to parish councils and parish meetings constituted under Section 13 of the Local Government Act.

The Equality Act 2010 stated that people must not be treated unfairly because of age, disability, sex (gender), gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership.

The Committee noted that Craven District Council was already delivering its commitment to equalities in a number of ways and these were highlighted in the report and expanded upon by the Partnerships Officer who responded to Members' questions. Members noted that the Partnerships Officer was currently reviewing how the Council was carrying out Equality Impact Assessments and also how equalities monitoring was undertaken.

**Resolved** – That, the report is noted and that the Partnerships Officer is asked to present a report in twelve months' time setting out the findings of the review and any proposed actions etc.

STN.344

#### **WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report asking Members to consider and set the work programme of the Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year. In addition, the report highlighted the work that the Committee had achieved during 2017/18.

Two items from the 2017/18 work programme were incomplete and would be carried forward to the 2018/19 programme. These were the audit of Parish Council's Code of Conduct and Register of Interests and the review of Craven's Code of Conduct for District Councillors.

**Resolved** – (1) That, the work of the Committee during 2017/18 is noted.

(2) That, the Committee's work programme for 2018/19 includes the following areas of work:

- Audit of Parish Councils' Code of Conduct and Register of Interests
- Review of the Code of Conduct for Members
- Review of the Council's Dispensation Scheme
- Review of the Council's awareness of the 7 principles of public life

STN.345

**MONITORING REPORT**

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report updating Members on the Code of Conduct complaints received and the status of existing complaints since the last report to Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Resolved** – That, the monitoring report is noted.

STN.346

**MEETINGS - START TIME**

**Resolved** – That for the remainder of the current municipal year, meetings of this Committee start at 6.30pm.

**Minutes for Decision**

- None -

Chairman