

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2013 at 3.00PM

PRESENT: Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
Lead Committee Clerk

ST.01/13 ADJOURNMENT

The Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer opened the meeting and, due to the funeral of Professor Councillor Joseph Hendry, Leader of the Council, the meeting was adjourned to 4.30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3.01pm.

The meeting reconvened at 4.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Atkinson P (as substitute for Councillor McDevitt) Boaden, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Bradley, Craig, Mrs Parsons and Wilson (as substitute for Councillor Stothard)

OFFICERS: Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

ST.02/13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Boaden be appointed as Chairman of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2013/14.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Boaden be appointed as Chairman of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2013/14. Councillor Boaden thereupon took the Chair.

ST.03/13 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Mrs Bradley be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2013/14.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs Bradley be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2013/14

ST.04/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor McDevitt and Councillor Stothard.

ST.05/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

ST.06/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2012 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

ST.07/13 APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S INDEPENDENT PERSON

The Director of Governance reported that the term of office for the Independent Person on the Standards Committee would end on 30 June 2013. The Council had advertised the position in the local newspaper and on the internet and had received five applications.

The Director of Governance recommended that the Standards Committee delegate authority to the Chairman, the Monitoring Officer and the current Independent Person, Dr Peter Tiplady, to interview the five candidates and make a recommendation to the Standards Committee as to the preferred candidate so that the said Committee may, in turn, make the recommendation to Council for the formal appointment of Independent Person.

A Member felt that the interview panel should have representation from both parties on the Standards Committee as well as the existing Independent Person. It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Mrs Bowman also participate in the interviews of the five candidates.

RESOLVED – That the Standards Committee delegate authority to the Chairman of the Standards Committee, Councillor Mrs Bowman, the Monitoring Officer and the current Independent Person, Dr Peter Tiplady, to interview the five candidates and make a recommendation to the Standards Committee as to the preferred candidate so that the said Committee may, in turn, make the recommendation to Council for the formal appointment of Independent Person.

(The meeting ended at 4.45pm)