

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2015 at 7.00 pm in Austen Room, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Dr Jonathan Sexton (Chairman); Mrs Janet Bacon (Independent Member of the Standards Committee)

Councillors: Wright (Birchington Parish Council - Birchington South), Ashbee, Braidwood, Buckley, Dexter, J Fairbrass, Johnston and Tomlinson

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Way.

103. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor Buckley and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2015 were a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

105. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Tim Howes, Monitoring Officer outlined his report on the review of the Constitution and Member/Officer Protocol.

The Chairman advised Members of the membership of the Constitutional Review Working Party. He reported that the substance of the Constitution had not been changed but work had been done to tidy and change the flow of the document to make it easier to use.

Councillor Collins spoke under Council Procedure rule 24.1.

Members proposed changes to the Constitution and Member/Officer Protocol.

Councillor Johnston proposed, Councillor Buckley seconded and Members AGREED:

“To recommend the revised parts of the Council’s Constitution to Council subject to the agreed amendments”.

106. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW

The Committee noted the Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review.

107. STANDARDS COMPLAINT STATISTICS

The Committee noted the Standards Complaints statistics.

Meeting concluded : 8.20pm