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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2016 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Dr Jonathan Sexton (Chairman); Mrs Janet Bacon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Braidwood, Buckley, Jaye-Jones, Johnston, and Tomlinson

Parish Councillors: Way (Monkton Parish Council), Wright (Birchington Parish Council)

In Attendance: Mr James (Independent Person)

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Fairbrass and Councillor Dexter.

115. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Johnston and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2016 were a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

117. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Independent Chairman outlined his report.

The Chairman invited Committee Members' questions.

It was suggested by Members that the contribution of Standards Committee to the recent Constitutional Review should be recognised. It was also suggested that the training programme for 2016-17 should include further sessions on social media as this had been highlighted as an area in which Members would benefit from further training.

Councillor Tomlinson proposed, Councillor Johnston seconded and Members AGREED:

"To recommend the Chairman's Annual Report be presented to Full Council".

118. STANDARDS COMPLAINT STATISTICS

The Committee noted the Standards Complaint Statistics report.

Meeting concluded : 7.30pm

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