



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE Held on Monday 28 November 2016 at 7.07pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Allie (Chair) and Councillors Kabir (Vice-Chair) and Krupa Sheth.

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr Robert Cawley (Independent Member) and Ms Sheila Darr (Co-opted Member)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Warren and from Margaret Bruce and Karen McCarthy (Independent Members).

1. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations made by Members at this stage (see Minute No.3 below).

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 22 September 2016, were approved as a correct record, subject to Sheila Darr (Co-opted Member) being recorded as in attendance.

3. Matters Arising (if any)

Minute No.5: Members' Code of Conduct Complaint

The Chief Executive made reference to the above matter and to the accompanying correspondence, which was considered by the Committee at its last meeting held on 22 September 2016.

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that a statement made and published within Section 3.8 to the report had been redacted and removed from the Council's Website.

The statement, which was directed at Councillor Kabir, had subsequently been found to be untrue and that the Councillor in question, having realised the mistake he had made had since apologised unreservedly to Councillor Kabir, which she had accepted.

Given the foregoing, Councillor Kabir declared a personal interest in respect of this matter and took no part in the discussion that had taken place.

4. **Annual Report to the Standards Committee 2016**

The Council's Senior Solicitor (Governance) introduced the annual report of the Council's former Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer to the Standards Committee for 2016, and provided an update on Member conduct issues and the work of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer during this year.

In response to a question on the invitation extended to Co-opted Members for mandatory training held in July 2016, Ms Darr said that she had not received any such invitation. In response, the Council's Senior Solicitor (Governance) advised that the training was targeted at new Co-opted Members, however if any Member (co-opted or otherwise) felt that they would benefit from a further session, they should contact the Council in order that an invitation could be sent out at that time.

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report to the Standards Committee 2016, be noted.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

6. **Any other Urgent Business**

There was no other urgent business.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.16pm.

COUNCILLOR J ALLIE
Chair