

Standards Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 08 March 2022 at 10:00

PRESENT:-

Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Flaxman-Taylor, Robinson-Payne & Smith-Clare.

Ms C Whatling (Monitoring Officer), Mrs J Beck (Head of Property & Asset Management) & Mrs C Webb (Executive Services Officer).

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Executive Services Officer opened the meeting and asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for the meeting in the absence of Councillor Bird.

Councillor Robinson-Payne was proposed by Councillor Smith-Clare.

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RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Smith be elected Chairman of the Standards Committee.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bird, Freeman & Price.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest were declared at the meeting.

4 OMBUDSMAN OVERVIEW REPORT

The Monitoring Officer informed the Committee that the report had two purposes, firstly to list complaints against the Council which had been submitted to the Ombudsman and to record the outcome and secondly, to report on a complaint which was upheld with a finding of maladministration causing injustice.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee:-

- (i) Note the outcomes of the Ombudsman's investigations during the past year,
- (ii) In relation to the upheld complaint, consider the Ombudsman's Report, note the actions taken by the Housing Service; and
- (iii) Satisfy itself that steps have been taken to address the findings.

5 OMBUDSMAN OVERVIEW REPORT CONFIDENTIAL APPENDICES

(Confidential Minute on this Item)

The meeting ended at: 12:00