

Minutes of a meeting of the **Standards Committee** held at the **New Council Chamber - Town Hall, Reigate** on **Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Councillors N. C. Moses (Chair); P. Harp (Vice-Chair), R. Absalom, Z. Cooper and R. Ritter

Attended remotely: Councillors Lodge (Co-Opted Member)

9 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Powell, the Representative for Horley Town Council and from Joyce Hamilton, the Monitoring Officer.

10 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 7 June 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

11 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12 Member Complaints 2021-22

The Democratic and Electoral Services Manager introduced the report, which summarised the conduct of Members within the 2021-22 municipal year.

The Code of Conduct was previously reviewed in July 2020, in line with a report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life in 2019, which recommended changes to local codes of conduct to improve ethical standards.

Three Member complaints were received in the 2020-21 municipal year. The learning points from those complaints focussed on Members' use of social media.

A review of the Council's 'Member Communications Protocol' was underway, and would be circulated in due course to provide Members with further guidance on social media use.

RESOLVED to note the Member Complaints 2021-22 report.

13 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

The meeting finished at 7.37 pm

