



Standards Committee

Minutes - 23 October 2014

Attendance

Members of the Standards Committee

Cllr Ian Brookfield (Chair)
Cllr Andrew Wynne (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Richard Whitehouse

Employees

Adam Hadley	Scrutiny and Transparency Manager
Linda Banbury	Democratic Support Officer
Judith Connell	Solicitor

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Julie Hodgkiss.
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting**
Resolved:
 That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2014 be approved as a correct record.
- 4 **Matters arising**
Pursuant to minute 8 regarding the revocation of honorary titles, the Committee asked when the promised report as to the procedures available to the Council to revoke any honorary titles awarded by it if desirable to do so would be submitted.
- 5 **Health Scrutiny Arrangements**
The Scrutiny and Transparency Manager presented a report, which explained the powers of health scrutiny held by the Council and proposed how these powers would be discharged.

Responding to a question, the Scrutiny and Transparency Manager undertook to apprise the Health Authority of the arrangements for discharge of these powers following approval by full Council.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to approve the following proposals:

1. Discharge its health scrutiny powers as follows:
 - a) Health scrutiny to be delegated to the Health Scrutiny Panel;
 - b) responses to consultations by relevant NHS bodies and relevant health service providers on substantial reconfiguration proposals to be delegated to the Health Scrutiny Panel, and
 - c) referral of NHS substantial reconfiguration proposals to the Secretary of State to be retained by full Council.
2. The composition of the Health Scrutiny Panel to be increased to include three co-opted members from Wolverhampton HealthWatch and that they be accorded full voting rights.
3. Should a joint health scrutiny committee with another local authority be required the arrangements for this should be constituted by full Council on a need-by-need basis.
4. The process for Wolverhampton HealthWatch or HealthWatch contractors to refer a matter to the local authority to be as follows:
 - a) All referrals should be sent to the Scrutiny Team;
 - b) all referrals to be acknowledged by the Scrutiny team within twenty working days;
 - c) the referral to be considered by the next available Health Scrutiny Panel, and
 - d) a response to the referral to be given to HealthWatch or HealthWatch contractors within five working days after consideration by the Health Scrutiny Panel.