

Standards Committee

Minutes - 16 February 2018

Attendance

Members of the Standards Committee

Cllr Ian Brookfield
Cllr Val Evans
Cllr Andrew Wynne

Employees

Kevin O'Keefe	Director of Governance
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Richard Phillips	Solicitor/Senior Solicitor

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from the Chair Councillor Elias Mattu, Councillor Martin Waite and Ray Tomkinson.

Councillor Val Evans proposed that Councillor Ian Brookfield be appointed to Chair the meeting.

Resolved:

That Councillor Ian Brookfield be appointed to Chair the meeting.
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest made.
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting**
Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19 January 2018 be agreed as a correct record.
- 4 **Matters arising**
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
- 5 **Creation of the Role of Honorary Recorder of the City of Wolverhampton**
Richard Phillips, Senior Solicitor, presented the report on the creation of the role of Honorary Recorder of the City of Wolverhampton. He advised that the Council was one of few who had not exercised its powers to appoint an Honorary Recorder.

He added an Honorary Recorder was an unpaid, ceremonial office created to maintain and develop close links between Councils and the Judiciary and to encourage an understanding of the judicial system among the community. The Honorary Recorder would attend ceremonial and civic functions. The role would also help to raise the profile of the City Council.

Kevin O'Keefe, Director of Governance advised if the Council were to create the position of Honorary Recorder a scroll would be presented to the person appointed.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to:

1. Convene an extraordinary meeting to consider the report on the Creation of the Role of Honorary Recorder of the City of Wolverhampton;
2. Approve the creation of the position of Honorary Recorder of the City of Wolverhampton;
3. Appoint His Honour Judge James Burbidge QC as the first Honorary Recorder of the City of Wolverhampton; and
4. Thereafter that the title of Honorary Recorder of the City of Wolverhampton shall pass automatically to the Senior Residing Judge of Wolverhampton Crown Court upon their appointment by the Lord Chief Justice.