

# Standards Committee

## Minutes - 22 March 2018

### Attendance

#### Members of the Standards Committee

Cllr Martin Waite (Chair)  
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal  
Cllr Anwen Muston  
Ray Tomkinson – Independent Member

#### Employees

Kevin O'Keefe	Director of Governance
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Roger Orchard	Investigating Officer

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## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

*Item No.*    *Title*

- 1 Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Rowley and Andrew Wynne.
- 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 14 March 2018 be agreed as a correct record.
- 4 Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
- 5 Exclusion of the Press and Public**  
Resolved:  
  
That in accordance with section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within paragraph 1 of schedule 12A to the act relating to any individual.]
- 6 Technical issue on the alleged breach of the Councillors Code of Conduct**  
Kevin O'Keefe, Monitoring Officer advised that the Standards Committee needed to consider a technical issue relating to the alleged breach of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

Roger Orchard, Investigating Officer presented his report to the Standards Committee and explained his findings. The relevant Councillors were offered the opportunity to question the Investigating Officer.

The relevant Councillors made a verbal submission and tabled evidence in response to the Investigating Officer's findings.

The Standards Committee then retired to consider the evidence and to deliberate on the technical issue. Ray Tomkinson, Independent Member made observations.

The Standards Committee reconvened to announce their findings.

The Standards Committee then announced its final decision as set out below:

Resolved:

That on this occasion the relevant Councillors were not acting in the capacity of a Councillor and therefore not subject to the Councillors Code of Conduct.