



# Standards Committee

## Minutes - 4 July 2014

### Attendance

#### Members of the Standards Committee

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

#### Employees

Carl Craney	Democratic Support Officer
Kevin O'Keefe	Chief Legal Officer
Martyn Sargeant	Head of Democratic Services
Amrita Sharma	Business Support and Regulation Officer

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

*Item No.*    *Title*

- 1 Apologies for absence**  
An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Julie Hodgkiss.
- 2 Chair's Announcement**  
The Chair, Councillor Ian Brookfield, referred to the recent death of Bob Jones, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and a former Wolverhampton City Councillor. Councillors and Employees stood in silent tribute as a mark of respect.
- 3 Declarations of interest**  
No declarations of interest were made in relation to items under consideration at the meeting.
- 4 Minutes of previous meeting (1 May 2014)**  
Resolved:  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 5 Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2014.
- 6 Safeguarding adults at risk - corporate roles and responsibilities**

Amrita Sharma presented a report which sought the endorsement of the Committee for the inclusion of the corporate roles and responsibilities for safeguarding adults at risk within the Council's Constitution.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to approve the revisions to the Constitution to include the draft corporate roles and responsibilities for safeguarding adults at risk as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

**7 Honorary Alderman**

The Committee considered a report which recommended that an extraordinary meeting of the Council be convened to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Neville Anthony Patten. Councillor Peter O'Neil drew to the attention of the Committee that former Councillor Patten had been Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Board from 2011 – 2014 and not as stated in the report from 2001 – 2014. Carl Craney confirmed this to be the case.

Resolved:

That an extraordinary meeting of the Council be convened on 16 July 2014 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Neville Anthony Patten.

**8 Revocation of Honorary Titles**

In the light of recent publicity, including revocation of honorary titles, the Committee enquired as to the procedures available to the Council to revoke any honorary titles awarded by it if desirable so to do.

Resolved:

That a report on this matter be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.