

## TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Monday, 16th January, 2017

**Present:** Cllr Miss J L Sergison (Chairman), Cllr D A S Davis (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr Mrs B A Brown, Cllr Mrs T Dean, Cllr P J Montague, Cllr C P Smith, Mrs P Darby (Platt), Mrs T Dawson (Borough Green), Mr D Elvy (Aylesford), Mrs P Garrett (Addington), Ms J Newman (Hadlow), Mr R Selkirk (West Malling) and Mr W E Stead (Burham)

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, O C Baldock, Mrs S M Barker, P F Bolt, N J Heslop, B J Luker, D Markham, M Parry-Waller, S C Perry, M R Rhodes, R V Roud and A K Sullivan were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D J Cure, Mrs S Bell and R P Betts; and from Ms D Alford-Smith (Snodland), Mr M Carboni (Plaxtol) and Mr P Crawford (East Peckham)

#### PART 1 - PUBLIC

##### **ST 17/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

##### **ST 17/2 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 15 June 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

##### **ST 17/3 UPDATE - CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

The report of the Monitoring Officer provided an update on complaints received since June 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be received and noted.

##### **ST 17/4 CODE OF CONDUCT - REFRESHER TRAINING**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer, which updated the training presented in July 2015 on the work of the Joint Standards Committee. An outline was

given of the standards regime, the requirements of the Code of Conduct and, in particular, the rules governing Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. Details were discussed of arrangements for the investigation of allegations within Tonbridge and Malling, the role of the Joint Standards Committee and operation of the Hearings Panel.

The Director of Central Services answered a number of questions raised at the meeting.

### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**

#### **ST 17/5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm