

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Standards Committee held at Committee Room - County Hall, Lewes on 12 November 2019.

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PRESENT Councillors Richard Stogdon (Chair), Godfrey Daniel, Ruth O'Keeffe, Barry Taylor and David Tutt

### 6 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2019

6.1 It was RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 23 April 2019 as a correct record.

### 7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

7.1 An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Belsey

### 8 AMENDMENT TO LOCAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

8.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding proposed changes to the Local Standards Framework.

8.2 It was RESOLVED to:

1) agree that where an Investigating Officer has completed a report in relation to an allegation of misconduct by a member, and that report concludes that there is evidence of a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct, authority is delegated to the Monitoring Officer to refer the matter for local hearing before the Standards Committee or a Hearings Sub-Committee;

2) adopt the Hearings Procedure in relation to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by Members as set out in Appendix 1 to this report; and

3) delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution to give effect to the decision.