



**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**10:05 – 10:30**

**3 July 2018**

Present: Councillors Driver (chair following election), Fulton-McAlister (M) (vice chair following election) Henderson, Lubbock and Thomas (Va)  
Mr P Franzen (co-opted member) and Mr C Thrower (co-opted member)  
Rachel Crosbie, monitoring officer

**1. Appointment of chair**

With three voting in favour and two abstentions it was:

**RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Keith Driver as chair for the ensuing civic year.

**2. Appointment of vice chair**

With three voting in favour and two abstentions it was:

**RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Matthew Fulton-McAlister as the vice chair for the ensuing civic year.

**3. Declaration of interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2017.

**5. Report of the monitoring officer**

The monitoring officer presented the report. She said that her role depended on having an excellent working relationship with councillors. There was currently no deputy monitoring officer in post but the recruitment process would be underway in due course.

Although complaints had been received, none had been serious enough to go to the investigation stage. Members had been willing to take the necessary steps to resolve these issues.

There had been training in May 2018 on the code of conduct for newly elected members and she anticipated facilitating a training session on this later in the year for all members. A social media policy would also be developed and the monitoring office reminded members to be careful when posting on social media platforms, even in a private capacity.

Peter Franzen asked if mandatory training was put in place around conflicts of interest, social media and gifts and hospitality. The monitoring officer said that new members received this training and there would be a refresher for all members later in the year. The conflict of interest queries received had all been very different and particular to an individual.

Members discussed the need for a money laundering policy for members to report any suspicions. The monitoring officer said that she was looking to develop this.

In response to a member's question, the monitoring officer said that it was not her role to monitor partnership arrangements but instead, to receive any feedback on the arrangements to ensure that they were being monitored.

**RESOLVED** to note the update from the monitoring officer

CHAIR