



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday, 4 March 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Octagon Lounge, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor Sloman (Chair)

Councillors Kemp, Lomax, Oakley, Quinn and Thrane.

Independent Person – Mr P Matthews

Parish Members – Councillors Martin and Platts

Councillor Norton was also in attendance.

15/17 **MINUTES**
(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2014 be approved.

15/18 **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS**
(Agenda Item 4)

It was reported that a number of applications had been received following the advertisement for Substitute Independent Persons. Interviews would be organised for shortlisted candidates.

RESOLVED:

That the update be received with thanks.

15/19 **UPDATED CODE OF CONDUCT AND NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS FORM**
(Agenda Item 5)

Consideration was given to updated versions of the Council's Code of Conduct and Notification of Interests Form. A number of typographical amendments were requested by the Committee to each form. The Monitoring Officer clarified the penalties for non-completion of interests forms. The committee requested that a reminder be issued to Town/Parish Councils with regards to the requirement for completion of Notification of Interests Forms for all elected and co-opted councillors.



RESOLVED:

That the updated Code of Conduct (Appendix A to the report) and the updated Notification of Interests Form (Appendix B to the report) be approved, as amended.

15/20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 6)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items as there may be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

SUMMARY OF EXEMPT ITEMS

15/21 EXEMPT MINUTES
(Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 12 November 2014 be approved.

15/22 COMPLAINTS – STANDARDS COMMITTEE MONITORING REPORT
(Agenda Item 8)

There was a report on complaints made to the Monitoring Officer under the Council's agreed arrangements for dealing with standards complaints.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.54pm.

CHAIR