



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Meeting:** Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Octagon Lounge, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

**Present:** Councillor Johnson (Chair)

Councillors Kappes and Oakley.

Independent Persons – Mr P Matthews, Mr P Carnall, Mrs C Morgan, Mr P Grant.

Parish Member – Councillor Martin

Councillor Thrane was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howe, Quinn and Sloman.

**16/01**      **MINUTES**  
(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2015 be approved.

**16/02**      **BITESIZE BRIEFING**  
(Agenda Item 4)

There was a briefing on the Council's decision making process, Localism Act 2011, ethical framework, work programme, composition and role of the Committee.

The Monitoring Officer explained that the role of Independent Persons had widened following the implementation of The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. The regulations required that any disciplinary sanction in respect of the Council's Statutory Officers (The Head of Paid Service, The Chief Financial officer and the Monitoring Officer) should be determined by Full Council, which must consider any advice, views or recommendations of an Independent Panel, The Panel must include at least two Independent Persons. A report would be presented to Full Council in due course.

It was announced that Councillor George Platts was no longer a Parish Councillor and that parish councils be contacted to seek expressions of interest to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

RESOLVED:



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That the briefing be received with thanks.

**16/03 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
(Agenda Item 5)

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**

**16/04 EXEMPT MINUTES**  
(Agenda Item 6)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 4 March 2015.

**16/05 COMPLAINTS – STANDARDS COMMITTEE MONITORING REPORT**  
(Agenda Item 7)

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 6.56 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**