MINUTES OF THE MEETING Standards Committee HELD ON Monday, 30th June, 2025, 7.00 - 7.11 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Barbara Blake, Erdal Dogan and Ibrahim Ali (Chair)

ALSO ATTENDING:

49. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the filming at meetings notice, and attendees noted this information.

RESOLVED:

That the filming procedure was noted.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Emery.

51. URGENT BUSINESS

There was one item of urgent business.

Following a meeting of the Constitution Working Group on 25 June 2025, it was agreed to present an urgent report to suggest the regularisation of the appointment of the Vice Chair of the Pensions Committee and Board.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee:

1. Accepted this item as late business

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

53. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 10 March 2025, were discussed

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 10 March 2025, were agreed as a correct record.

54. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS ASSESSMENT AND HEARING SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee Manager introduced the report. It was explained that the report was the annual report to re-establish the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee and the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee, and that this be comprised of the same membership as the Standards Committee.

The terms of reference for the sub-committees were highlighted in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee:

1. Agreed that, given the need for members' expertise and discretion, the membership of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee and the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee be the same as the membership of the Standards Committee.

55. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was discussed.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted and approved the work programme.

56. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

The urgent report outlined in item three was presented to the Committee.

The Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager introduced the report. It was explained that there had been questions raised regarding the current procedural rules for the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Pensions Committee and Board by the Committee. It was suggested that the Committee and Board Vice-Chair appointment be regularised with other committees of the Council and that the positions be appointed by Full Council.

It was advised that a benchmarking exercise had been undertaken against other authorities. Work had been undertaken to establish whether there was any legal requirement for the appointment of the Vice-Chair to the Pensions Committee and Board. It was noted that there were no legal requirements, and that the Council's proposed procedure would be in line with other comparable local authorities.

RESOLVED:

That the Standards Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council:

1. The deletion of the provision for appointment of the Vice Chair by the Pensions Committee and Board

2. Approved the updated terms of reference for Pensions Committee and Board for publication.

57. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates for future meetings of the Committee were agreed at Full Council on 19 May 2025.

The Committee noted that the dates of the meetings for the municipal cycle:

13 November 2025
3 February 2026
9 March 2026

58. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no exempt reports.

59. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of exempt urgent business.

CHAIR: Councillor Ibrahim Ali

Signed by Chair ………………………………..

Date …………………………………