

STANDARDS REPORT 2015-17

At its meeting on 11th January 2018, the Audit and Standards Committee received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance highlighting the activities of the Committee and providing details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from June 2015 through to December 2017.

The Committee resolved to forward the report to Council for consideration, and the Committee's minute is set out below.

The Chair of the Committee (Councillor Josie Paszek) will briefly introduce the report. Council is asked to note the report.

STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT

The Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report highlighting the activities of the Committee and providing details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from June 2015 through to December 2017.

In presenting the report, Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance, informed the Committee that future reports would be a joint report of the Committee's Audit and Standards activities. In response to questions from Members of the Committee, she acknowledged that the rise in popularity of social media had caused certain issues and she had delivered training to a Parish Council in this respect. There may be a need for more support and training for all Members in respect of the use of social media. She would provide the Committee with comparative figures in terms of number of standards complaints from other Core Cities.

RESOLVED: That:-

- (a) the report, now submitted, be noted;
- (b) the report be forwarded to Full Council for consideration at its meeting to be held on 7 February 2017; and
- (c) the Director of Legal and Governance be requested to circulate figures in respect of the numbers of standards complaints at other Core Cities.

(NOTE: A copy of the report submitted to the Audit and Standards Committee is attached.)

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