

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 April 2021 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr N Brooks – Vice-Chairman in the role of Chairman for the Meeting.

Present: Cllr M Andrews, Cllr D Borthwick, Cllr A Jones, Cllr A M Stribley,
Mr P Cashmore, Mr I Sibley, Mr J Storey and Cllr S Bull

36. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baron and Rigby.

37. Substitute Members

Councillor Bull substituted for Councillor Rigby.

38. Declarations of Interests

None received.

39. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Voting: For - Unanimous

40. Public Issues

None received.

41. Local Government Association - Model Code of Conduct for Councillors

The Monitoring Officer presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Local Government Association had produced a New Model Code of Conduct for Councillors which was appended to the report at Appendix 1. The Standards Committee was responsible for monitoring the Code of Conduct and for making recommendations to Full Council on any changes to the Code.

The Committee received details of the Model Code at the last meeting but delayed recommending the adoption pending viewing other interested parties and to await the outcome of the Government's consideration of the Committee for Standards in Public Life recommendations.

The Committee discussed the report and Appendix and an amendment to the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct was Proposed by Councillor Andrews, Seconded by Councillor Bull and unanimously voted in favour of to insert 'known' in Paragraph 8b as detailed below:

8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects –
 - a. your own financial interest or well-being;
 - b. a '**known**' financial interest or well-being of a friend, relative, close associate; or
 - c. a body included in those you need to disclose under Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in Table 1.

RECOMMENDED that the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted by Full Council with the proposed amendment.

Voting: For - Unanimous

42. Code of Conduct Complaints - Review

The Head of Democratic Services presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report provided Members with an update on complaints regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct against councillors received or concluded since the last meeting in January 2021.

The Committee was responsible for maintaining high standards of conduct by Members of BCP Council and the Town and Parish Councils, monitoring the operation of the Code of Conduct, and considering the outcome of commissioned independent investigations.

RESOLVED that the outcome of concluded complaints and the progress of those still outstanding be noted.

Voting: For – Unanimous

The meeting ended at 6.37 pm

CHAIRMAN