STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Monday, 15th December, 2014 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 6.00 p.m.

Voting Members

Cr. J.H. Marsh (Chairman)
Cr. A.M. Ferrier (Vice-Chairman)
Cr. C.P. Grattan                 Cr. M.D. Smith                 Cr. M. Staplehurst

Non-Voting Co-opted Members

Mr. D. Austin                 Mr. B. Hambleton

13. MINUTES –

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th October, 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

14. OFFICER CODE OF CONDUCT –

The Committee received the Principal Personnel Officer’s Report No. PPO1401, which set out a proposed new Officer Code of Conduct for the Council, which was based on existing working arrangements and latest guidance and would form part of the Council’s governance framework.

The Committee was advised that the purpose of the new code was to set out the standard of conduct that the Council expected from its officers, which included a range of responsibilities around openness, accountability, impartiality, respect and whistleblowing. During discussion, it was confirmed that records of declared interests were held within individual services, and that a balanced and cautious approach had been taken to the wording set out in paragraph 2.3 for ‘suitable clothing for the role’. This was to protect the Council’s interests and recognise the need for flexibility in the requirement.

RESOLVED: That the Officer Code of Conduct attached to Report No. PPO1401 be recommended to the Council for approval as part of the Council’s Constitution via the Licensing and General Purposes Committee.

The Meeting closed at 6.12 p.m.

J.H. MARSH
CHAIRMAN