

SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 AT SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

54. PRESENT:

Mr G Hughes (Chair)	Independent Lay Member
Ms B Heller	Independent Lay Member
Ms A Jones	Independent Lay Member
Dr M Kerbey	Independent Lay Member
Councillor J Morgan	South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
Councillor V Smith	South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority

APOLOGIES:

Mr A Clemes	Independent Member
Councillor B Morgan	South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority

ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: - Ms S Chapman – Monitoring Officer, Mr C Powell – Deputy Monitoring Officer

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

56. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 7 March 2016, were received and accepted as a true record of proceedings, subject to the following slight amendment:-

- 'Dr' M Kerbey was in attendance, not 'Mr' M Kerbey as recorded.

With reference to Item 52.4 in the minutes, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that a new calendar of Fire Authority meetings for the Municipal Year 2017/2018 would be circulated to Members in due course.

Following discussion on Item 53.1 in the minutes, regarding holding Standard Committee meetings every 6 months, the Monitoring Officer assured the group that Independent Members would be invited to attend a joint training session with new Fire Authority Members following the Annual General Meeting on 12 June 2017.

Following a query raised by Members on Minute Number 51.1, regarding a progress update on carrying out a review and scrutiny of the Bribery Act, the Monitoring Officer informed Members that the Service was currently in the process of carrying out a review of all organisational procedures. Members would be updated on any changes at the next meeting.

57. QUORUM

The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised Members of the legal requirement for a quorum to be present at Standard Committee meetings.

RESOLVED THAT

Following determination, Members formally agreed that a quorum should be present for all future meetings.

58. MONITORING OFFICER PROTOCOL

The Monitoring Officer presented a report which explained to Members the protocol of the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED THAT

58.1 Members agreed to note the content of the report.

58.2 Following a question and answer session and lengthy discussion on a number of points within the report, Officers agreed to make slight tweaks and amendments to the draft document.

58.3 With reference to Item 3.7.3 within the report, following a request by the Chair, Officers agreed to include the wording 'Members of the Standards Committee would be informed of any investigation'.

59. MEMBER INDUCTION TRAINING

The Monitoring Officer informed Members of the programme of Induction Training for Members following the Local Government Elections on 4 May 2017.

RESOLVED THAT

- 59.1 Members agreed to note the programme of Induction Training taking place.
- 59.2 Following lengthy discussion on mandatory training for Fire Authority Members, and tracking and monitoring training requirements, Officers agreed that mandatory training for handling complaints would be provided to Members of the Standards Committee.
- 59.3 Members noted that Induction Training for Fire Authority Members would take place on 26 June, 2017, at Cardiff Gate Training & Development Centre.

60. RETIREMENT

As it was Councillor J Morgan's last Standards Committee meeting, on behalf of Members the Chair took the opportunity to wish Councillor Morgan best wishes and good luck in her retirement.