

**Minutes of the Standards Committee
11 June 2025**

Present:

Councillors:

C. Bateson

D.L. Geraci

M.J. Lee

J.R. Boughtflower

K.M. Grant

Substitutions: Councillors T. Burrell

Apologies: Councillors M.M. Attewell, J. Button and S.C. Mooney

9/24 Minutes

The Committee **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 12 February 2025 and 09 April 2025.

Councillor Geraci asked for it to be noted in the minutes that he did not agree that the minutes of the meeting held 12 February 2025 were an accurate record of the meeting.

10/24 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

11/24 Amendments to the Constitution

The Committee considered proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution. The proposed amendments related to the scope of the delegated authority given to the Planning Development Manager.

It was proposed by Councillor Bateson and seconded by Councillor Burrell that the proposed changes should be recommend to Council for approval.

The Committee **resolved** to recommend to Council that it approves the proposed changes to the Constitution as set out in the report.

12/24 Amendments to the Constitution - new Protocol on relations between Members

The Committee considered a proposed new protocol on relations between members.

During the discussion the Committee indicated that they would like the proposed protocol to be amended to reflect that if a member was mindful to submit a complaint about another member that they spoke to their Group Leader first. Their Group Leader would then contact the Group Leader of the other member and try to agree an informal resolution.

It was proposed by Councillor Boughtflower, seconded by Councillor Bateson and **resolved** that the Council's Monitoring Officer added some additional wording to the draft protocol (Paras 3.1 and 7.1). Once drafted, the additional wording would be circulated to committee members via email for their approval.

It was proposed by Councillor Boughtflower, seconded by Councillor Bateson and **resolved** that the committee make a recommendation to Council that it approves the proposed new Member Relations Protocol subject to the agreed amendments.

13/24 Update on Member Complaints

The Committee considered a report that sought to update committee members on the number and outcomes of complaints about members, received and considered under the Council's arrangements for dealing with allegation of a breach of the Code of Conduct.

The Committee **resolved** to acknowledge the update on the number and outcomes of Member complaints dealt with since 01 January 2025.