

Chairs Report of the Standards Committee – 28 January 2015

This was the first time that the committee had needed meet since 11 November 2013 and it considered two reports;

Adoption of New Code of Conduct for Elected Members – the current member code was last reviewed in 2012. The new code has been updated to reflect best practice. This report had also been to the Constitution Review Working Group and the Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee. It is also presented to this Council tonight as part of a number of constitutional updates.

Local Government Ombudsman Annual Letter January 2015 –this provided a review of the complaints dealt with during 2013/14. In summary of the 24 complaints dealt with; 5 were upheld; 3 not upheld 2 where advice was given; 8 were closed after initial enquiries; 1 was held to be invalid and 5 were referred back for local resolution.