

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2018 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors; Mrs Bunker, Cooke, Davies, Gallagher, Gill and Mrs Hill.

**Also Present:**

Independent Person: Mr R Meacham.

Officer: Mr G Leach (Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer).

1. **Apologies and Substitutes**

(a) Apologies were received from Councillor Margrave and Independent Person, Mr Tomkinson.

(b) There were no substitutes.

2. **Appointment of Chairman of the Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Cooke, duly seconded; and

**Resolved** that Councillor Gallagher be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

3. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Gallagher, duly second; and

**Resolved** that Councillor Davies be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. **Appointment of Independent Persons**

Mr R Meacham and Mr R Tomkinson were recommended for appointment of Independent Persons for the Council in line with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

**Recommended** to Council that Mr R Meacham and Mr R Tomkinson be recommended for appointment of Independent Persons for the Council in line with

7. **Urgent Item – Use of “JP” suffix after a Councillor’s name when determining applications at a Licensing & Regulatory Sub-Committee**

The Chairman, Councillor Gallagher, tabled an urgent item to be discussed at the Committee in respect of the use of “JP” after a Councillor’s name when determining applications at a Licensing & Regulatory (L&R) Sub-Committee.

The Committee was mindful of the perception this could create when determining applications which were subject to potential appeals to magistrates; specifically the potential to influence or reduce the chance of an appeal. Based on this, the Committee recommended to the L&R Committee Members that when they sat on these Sub-Committees, they should not use the “JP” suffix after their name.

(The meeting ended at 6.15 pm)