

Standards Committee

Thursday 29 September 2022

Meeting started: 3:30pm

Meeting ended: 3:45pm

Present

Jonathan Storey (Independent Chair), Councillors Bellamy, Boshell and Twells and Donna Allen (Independent Person).

In Attendance

Iolanda Puzio (City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer) and Chris Howl (Democratic Services Advisor).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dickman, R Garrido and Pevitt and Caroline Wolfenden (Independent Person).

2. Meeting being quorate

Upon noticing that Jonathan Storey (the Independent Chair) had joined the meeting via MS Teams (due to having had a bout of suspected COVID-19) rather than being present in the room and that there were only three councillors present, the Monitoring Officer advised that the meeting was not quorate on the following basis:

- a) Under current legislation, all members must be present in person at meetings,
- b) The quorum for the Standards Committee is three voting members, plus the Chair, and
- c) In the absence of the Chair being in the meeting, the wording of the Constitution is such that there would have needed to have been a fourth councillor present, so that one of them could become Chair, without that the meeting wasn't quorate.

On this basis the meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled date of 8 December 2022 and all items would be dealt with at that meeting.

3. Dates and Times of Future Meetings.

That meetings be held on the following dates for 2022/23:

- Thursday 8th December 2022, 3.30-5:30pm, Salford Suite, and
- Thursday 23rd March 2023, 3.30-5:30pm Salford Suite.

Please can all Councillors, the Independent Chair and Independent Persons endeavour to respond to meeting invites, including updated agenda packs, to allow officers to ascertain who will be attending.