

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

6.10 P.M.

9TH JULY 2020

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Mandy King (Chair), Paul Anderton, Mel Guilding, Debbie Jenkins and Joanna Young

Officers in attendance:-

Luke Gorst	Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Debbie Chambers	Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Liz Bateson	Principal Democratic Support Officer, Democratic Services

### 1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for the 2020/21 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Guilding and seconded by Councillor Young that Councillor Scothern be appointed to the position, and there being no further nominations, the Chair declared the proposal to be carried.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That Councillor Scothern be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the 2020/21 municipal year.

### 2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record. It was noted that they would be signed by the Chair when the minute book was available.

### 3 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

### 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 5 APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PERSON

The Monitoring Officer presented a report to enable the Standards Committee to recommend to Council the appointment of Mr Barry Dearing as an additional Independent person in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. It was reported that the process to recruit a second Independent person had begun some months previously when it had become evident that to ensure standard matters could be dealt with swiftly without over burdening the current Independent person, an additional Independent person was required.

There were no objections to Mr Dearing being recommended to Council for appointment as an Independent person.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That Mr Barry Dearing be recommended to Council for appointment as an Independent person.

**6 SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report, which advised the Committee about the progress of current complaints and any other code of conduct complaints received since the last report in January 2020. At this point the Chair requested that Members indicate if they wished to raise any questions in relation to the exempt appendix as the Committee would need to go into private session in that eventuality. There being no request to ask questions the Chair confirmed that the report was for noting.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That the report be noted.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 6.16 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes, please contact  
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