



Committee: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY 2021

Venue:

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Time: 6.10 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held on 9 July 2020 (previously circulated).

3. **Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chair**

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations by Councillors of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Councillors are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Councillors should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Committee is recommended to pass the following recommendations in relation to the following items:-

"That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act."

Members are reminded that, whilst the following item has been marked as exempt, it is for Committee itself to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, Members should consider the relevant paragraph of Schedule

12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and also whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In considering their discretion Members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

6. **Summary of Complaints under the Code of Conduct** (Pages 3 - 5)

Report of the Monitoring Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors

Councillors Mandy King (Chair), Stewart Scothern (Vice-Chair), Paul Anderton, Phillip Black, Mel Guilding, Debbie Jenkins and Joanna Young

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors

Councillors Richard Austen-Baker (Substitute), Dave Brookes (Substitute), Roger Dennison (Substitute), Merv Evans (Substitute), Abi Mills (Substitute), Robert Redfern (Substitute) and Jason Wood (Substitute)

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Liz Bateson, Democratic Services - email ebateson@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

Please contact Democratic Support, telephone 582170, or alternatively email democraticsupport@lancaster.gov.uk.

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Standards Committee**Summary of Complaints under the Code of Conduct****14 January 2021****Report of the Monitoring Officer****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report advises the committee about the progress of current complaints and any others received since the last report in July 2020.

This Report is public however Appendix 1 is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 1 of, of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

RECOMMENDATION

(1) That the Committee notes the report.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Monitoring Officer provides a regular report to the Committee summarising the progress on current complaints under the code of conduct.

1.2 In October 2012, the Committee resolved that reports to this Committee about complaints should be exempt from publication but should identify the subject members of the complaints, for the Committee's information.

1.3 However, Council has resolved that all members of the Council should have access to all exempt reports, background papers and minutes, save where the report, background paper or minutes relates to an individual officer (other than an Chief Executive or Chief officers), an individual member of the Council or and individual third party, or where the member seeking to attend has a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest within paragraph 12 (1) of section 2 of part b of the code of conduct, in the item of business.

1.4 Although not specifically articulated above, Appendix 1 of this report remains exempt by virtue of the restriction relating to individual members of the Council and third party information clause as set out above.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 A summary of complaints is attached

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 None

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK None	
CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing): None	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS None, although consideration must always be given to proportionality and the lawful interference with the right to private and family life.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS None	
OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces: None	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS None	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS This report has been compiled by the Monitoring Officer.	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Contact Officer: Debbie Chambers Deputy Monitoring Officer Telephone: 01524 582057 E-mail: dchambers@lancaster.gov.uk

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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