

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

6.10 P.M.

6TH JULY 2023

PRESENT:- Councillors Hamish Mills (Chair), Joanne Ainscough, Ruth Colbridge, Prof Chris Harris, Paul Newton and Sam Riches

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sarah Punshon

Officers in attendance:-

Raphael Walmsley

Paul Washington

Liz Bateson

Senior Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Legal Assistant/Investigating Officer

Principal Democratic Support Officer

The Chair welcomed newly elected Councillors to the Committee.

1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the 2023/24 municipal year.

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

Resolved:

- (1) That Councillor Harris be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the 2023/24 municipal year.

2 MINUTES

Membership of the Committee had changed since the last meeting held on 3 November 2021. Since none of the new Committee members had been members of the Committee in 2021/22, the minutes could not be agreed as a correct record.

Resolved:

- (1) That the minutes from the meeting held on 3 November 2021 be noted.

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

The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised the meeting that although the Summary of Complaints report was public it contained an exempt appendix, and the Committee would need to exclude the press and public if they were minded to ask questions in relation to the exempt appendix.

It was proposed by Councillor Ainscough, seconded by Councillor Riches and agreed unanimously to exclude the press and public at this point.

5 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That, in accordance with Section 110A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 A of that Act.

6 SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Deputy 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 on 3 November 2021. The Deputy Monitoring Officer and Investigating Officer responded to a number of questions.

Resolved:

(1) That the report be noted.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 6.37 p.m.)

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