

STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
17/10/2019 at 6.00 pm



Present: Councillor Briggs (Chair)
Councillors Hudson
Alex Feay Independent Member

Also in Attendance:
Paul Entwistle Director of Legal Services
Sian Walter-Browne Principal Constitutional Services Officer

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Briggs be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED 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 items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

5 **CONSIDERATION OF A STANDARDS COMPLAINT**

Consideration was given to information provided by the Director of Legal Services which had required an assessment of complaints related to a Councillor, which said that the Councillor's Code of Conduct had been breached.

The criteria considered in relation to the complaint was:

- Was the complaint about someone who was no longer a Member of the Council but is a Member of another authority?
- Had the complaint already been the subject of an investigation or other action related to the Code of Conduct? Similarly, had the complaint been the subject of an investigation by other regulatory authorities?
- Was the complaint about something that happened so long ago that there would be little benefit in taking action now?
- Was the complaint too trivial to warrant further action?
- Did the complaint appear to be simply malicious, politically motivated or tit-for-tat?

Members gave consideration to the complaint form, the response and the options available to them.

RESOLVED that no action be taken in relation to the complaint.



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The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.10 pm