

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE
07/03/2024 at 5.00 pm



Present: Councillors Byrne, J. Hussain and Williamson.
Mrs K. Williams (Independent Person)

Also in attendance:

A. Bougatef (Assistant Brough Solicitor)
L. Choudhary (Constitutional Services)
P. Thompson (Constitutional Services)

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

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

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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 two items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraph(s) 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.

6 **ASSESSMENT OF STANDARDS COMPLAINT**

Consideration was given to a report which required assessment of a complaint received from a Councillor, which alleged that another Councillor had breached the Council's Members Code of Conduct. The Interim Assistant Director of Legal Services set out the matter, as detailed in the report and outlined the criteria to be used by the sub-committee for deciding whether a complaint should be accepted for investigation, dealt with informally or rejected.

Members gave thorough consideration to the complaint and to the response that had been provided by the Elected Member.

RESOLVED

That no further action be taken in respect of the complaint but that the Chief Executive be requested to write to the subject Member reminding him of his responsibilities regarding the use of social media.

7 **ASSESSMENT OF STANDARDS COMPLAINT**

Consideration was given to a report which required assessment of a complaint received from a member of the public which alleged that the Councillor, detailed therein, had breached the Council's Members Code of Conduct. The Interim Assistant Director of Legal Services set out the matter, as detailed in the report and outlined the criteria to be used by the sub-committee for deciding whether a complaint should be accepted for investigation, dealt with informally or rejected.

Members gave thorough consideration to the agenda pack which included the complaint and the response that had been provided by the Elected Member.

RESOLVED

That no further action be taken.

The meeting started at 5.00pm and ended at 5.45pm