

**MINUTES  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 14 March 2024**

Councillor Paul Feeney (Chair)

Councillor David Brocklebank	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Councillor Stuart Bestwick	Councillor Russell Whiting
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Louise Kopyrko
Councillor Des Gibbons	

Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott and Rosalie Hawks

Officers in Attendance: C Goodall and F Whyley

**23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from R Hawks.

**24 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2023**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

**25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**26 RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON AND RESERVE INDEPENDENT PERSON**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to commence recruitment to the positions of Independent Person and Reserve Independent Person.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1) The Monitoring Officer be authorised to commence the recruitment process to the role of Independent Person and Reserve Independent Person from 14 July 2024 for 2 years;
- 2) Any suitable candidates for the role of Independent Person should be considered for the reserve role for the same period; and
- 3) A cross party interview panel should be established to interview

- candidates and make recommendations to appoint; and
- 4) Authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair, to appoint alternative members to the interview panel should appointed members be unavailable.

**27 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS UPDATE**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 7 December 2023 and 14 March 2024.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report.

**28 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

The meeting finished at 6.05 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: