## MINUTES STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## Thursday 18 July 2024

Councillor Paul Feeney (Chair)

Councillor Stuart Bestwick Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Andrew Ellwood

Absent: Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

Officers in Attendance: F Whyley and E McGinlay

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brocklebank and Towsey-Hinton. Councillor Rachael Ellis attended as a substitute for Councillor Brocklebank.

# TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2024

### **RESOLVED:**

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

### 3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Rachael Ellis disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in item 6, having been involved in one of the conduct investigations into a complaint for the committee to note.

## 4 ANNUAL REVIEW OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of gifts and hospitality received between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.

#### RESOLVED:

To note the details of the annual review of gifts and hospitality

# 5 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON AND RESERVE INDEPENDENT PERSON

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, circulated in advance of the meeting, which sought approval from the Standards committee to

recommend to Council that David Walsh should be appointed as Independent Person and John Baggaley be appointed as reserve Independent Person

### **RESOLVED**:

That members

- 1) recommend to Council that David Walsh be appointed as Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011 for 2 years; and
- recommend to Council that John Baggaley be appointed as reserve Independent person under the Localism Act 2011 for 2 years

## 6 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 15 March 2024 and 18 July 2024.

## **RESOLVED:**

To note the report.

## 7 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 6.10 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: