

**MINUTES
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 10 March 2022

Councillor Michael Boyle (Chair)

Present: Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Andrew Ellwood Rosalie Hawks
 Councillor Mike Hope Martyn Thorpe
 Councillor Simon Murray

Absent: Councillor Michael Payne and Councillor Boyd Elliott

Officers in C Goodall and F Whyley
Attendance:

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Councillors Elliott and Payne.

18 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLVED:

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

19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

20 RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON AND RESERVE INDEPENDENT PERSON

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to commence recruitment to the position of Independent Person and the currently vacant Reserve Independent Person position.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Authorise the Monitoring Officer to commence the recruitment process to the role of Independent Person from 11 July 2022 for 2 years;
- 2) Agree that any suitable candidates for the role of Independent Person could be considered for the reserve role for the same

period; and

- 3) Agree that the interview panel of Councillor Boyle, Bosworth and Elliot could continue to interview candidates and make recommendations to appoint to any future vacancies for co-opted members or independent persons.
- 4) Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair, to appoint alternative members to the interview panel should appointed members be unavailable.

21 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval of the guidance document which would support the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

The Chair proposed an amendment to the recommendation in order to delegate to the Monitoring Officer, permission to correct any minor typos or errors within the document, which was moved and duly seconded and it was

RESOLVED:

To approve the Code of Conduct Guide for Members at Appendix 1 to this report and to delegate to the Monitoring Officer permission to correct any minor typos or errors within the document.

22 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That, Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing report on the grounds that the confidential appendix would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 2 September 2021 and 10 March 2022.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

The meeting finished at 6.29 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: