

**MINUTES
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 23 June 2022

Councillor Michael Boyle (Chair)

Councillor Pat Bosworth	Councillor Simon Murray
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Clive Towsey-
Councillor Mike Hope	Hinton
Councillor Meredith Lawrence	Rosalie Hawks

Absent: Councillor Michael Payne, Councillor Boyd Elliott and
Martyn Thorpe

Officers in Attendance: E McGinlay and F Whyley

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Councillors Elliott and Payne and Martyn Thorpe. Councillor Lawrence attended as a substitute.

26 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED:

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

27 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Bosworth declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to her being a member of Calverton Parish Council, which related to item 8.

28 UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE RECOMMENDATIONS

Rosalie Hawkes and Councillor Murray joined the meeting.

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, to inform members of the Government's response to the recommendations from the Committee on Standards in Public Life report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

29 RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, recommending to Council that John Baggaley should be appointed as Independent Person and Stewart Bembridge be appointed as reserve Independent Person.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Recommend to Council that John Baggaley be appointed as Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011 for 2 years; and
- 2) Recommend to Council that Stewart Bembridge be appointed as reserve Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011 for 2 years

30 APPROVAL OF DELEGATIONS

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to amend all current delegations previously approved by Standards Committee following the adoption of the new constitution.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the officer delegations at Appendix 1;
- 2) Approve the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any other necessary administrative amendments to reflect the change to the constitution

31 REPORT ON GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, to inform members of gifts and hospitality received between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 and to identify any issues arising from the annual review of the Register of Gifts and Hospitality.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

32 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, to inform members of complaints received between 10 March 2022 and 23 June 2022.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

33 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

At the request of a committee member, in relation to discussion of exempt appendix 2, the committee

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.

34 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 6.50 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: