

**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: