



Minutes of the meeting of the STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMMITTEE held on MONDAY 9 AUGUST 2021 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors McPake, Verma and Wallis and Parish Councillor Winsor

**Officers:** J Kealey (Head of Legal Services / Deputy Monitoring Officer), E Scott (Solicitor) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

**Also Present:** C Fogden (Independent Member)

**ASC01 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED -

That Councillor McPake be elected Chair for the meeting.

**ASC02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**ASC03 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED -

That the public and press representatives be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 2 (Information likely to Reveal the Identity of an Individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**ASC04 MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered the Monitoring Officer's report.

The Sub-Committee noted that the Council had received a complaint alleging that the Subject Member had breached the relevant Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED -

1. That, in respect of the Subject Member's conduct, the matter be referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation to establish the following:
  - (a) the key facts surrounding the alleged incident;
  - (b) had the Subject Member been acting in their capacity as a Councillor at the time of the alleged breach; and

- (c) had their conduct breached the Code of Conduct?
2. That, in respect of the Subject Member's Facebook comment, the complaint be referred to the Monitoring Officer for informal resolution in the following manner:
- (a) to seek assurance that the comment has been removed from Facebook; and
  - (b) the Subject Member be offered Social Media training.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.26 PM

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