

## **HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Held at the Council Chamber  
The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street,  
Market Harborough, LE16 7AG

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Commencing at 6.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Dunton (Chairman), Hollick, Johnson and Wood.  
Parish Councillors: Butcher, Gair and Mcdonagh

Officers: L. Elliott, D. Gill (remote), S. Green, and N. Kwasa.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

The Deputy Chief Executive introduced the meeting and noted that the first item was to elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting. It was therefore,

**RESOLVED that Councillor Dunton be elected as Chairman for the meeting of the Standards Sub-Committee.**

Having taken the Chair, Councillor Dunton asked all Members and officers present to introduce themselves.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Dr Bremner.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.**

There were none.

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Sub-Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be agreed as a correct record.**

SECTION 100A (4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

**RESOLVED** That the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters yet to be discussed involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 & 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE – COMPLAINT SC/65

The Sub-Committee considered the report and its appendices which related to a complaint about the conduct of a Parish Councillor.

The Deputy Chief Executive introduced the report and explained that a complaint had been received and that an external Monitoring Officer had been appointed to undertake the investigation. The Monitoring Officer noted that he had considered the representations of the Subject Member as part of the initial assessment and that the Subject Member had been given a further opportunity to provide comments. He noted that he had appointed an Independent Person to consider the complaint and his view is referred to in the detail of the initial assessment at Appendix C.

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined the three courses of action that were open to the Sub-Committee regarding the complaint:

- No action
- Informal resolution
- Refer for investigation

The Sub-Committee considered the details of the Council's Code of Conduct, the complaint and supporting documentation and the comments of the Independent Person and it was,

**RESOLVED** That the complaint be referred for further investigation, AND that the investigator is authorised to resolve the complaint through mediation should the opportunity to do this arise during the course of the investigation.

The meeting finished at 7.19pm.