

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 30th November 2021

Commencing at 6.30pm.

Present:

Cllr Dr Bremner (Chairman)

Councillors: Dunton, Hollick, Johnson and Mrs Wood

Officers: S. Green, S. Hamilton and S. Patel

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Sub-Committee held on the 8th September 2021 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record, subject to a correction to state that Councillor Mrs Wood was present at the 8th September 2001 meeting.

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 MONITORING OFFICER – COMPLAINT SC/62

The Sub-Committee considered the report and its appendices which related to a complaint about the alleged conduct of a District Councillor. The Chairman drew the Sub-Committee's attention to the exempt appendices attached to the report.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer introduced the report and explained that he had received a complaint, had contacted the Subject Member and had decided to appoint an Independent Person to review material relating to the complaints, as well as taking independent legal advice regarding the complaint.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer outlined the three courses of action that were open to the Sub-Committee regarding each of the complaints:

- No action
- Informal resolution
- Refer for investigation

The Sub-Committee considered the details of the Council's Code of Conduct, the associated Parish Council's Code of Conduct, the complaint and supporting documentation, the Subject Member's responses to the complaints and the comments of the Independent Person and independent legal advice.

Members of the Committee requested that the timelines for dealing with complaints be sent to them, however did note that these timelines are also dependant on requests for information being received on time.

ACTION: Deputy Monitoring Officer

The Sub-Committee, having considered the complaints and assessment criteria;

RESOLVED that the complaint be referred for investigation.

The Meeting finished at 6.55pm.