

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 2024

Present:

Councillor Kevin Gillott (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Pat Kerry

Councillor Fran Petersen

Also Present:

S Sternberg

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

A Maher

Governance Manager

A Bond

Governance Officer

STA/ Apologies for Absence

36/2

3-24 Apologies for absence were received by Councillors P Antcliff, C Cupit, K Rouse and H Wetherall.

STA/ Declarations of Interest

37/2

3-24 There were no Declarations of Interest.

STA/ Minutes of Last Meeting

38/2

3-24 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held on 28 February 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record.

STA/ Review of the Constitution

39/2

3-24 Committee considered that the proposed changes to the constitution should be reviewed at a special meeting of Standards Committee so that a more wide-ranging debate on the changes could take place. Members asked that this special meeting be organised and that it take place as soon as possible.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the Review of the Constitution be deferred to a further meeting. That the date and time of the special meeting be arranged in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

STA/ Complaints Update

40/2

3-24 Committee received an update on the number of complaints that had been received and what action had been taken on these.

Members heard that no new complaints had been received and that three complaints had been closed since the last update was brought to Committee. There was a total of three ongoing complaints.

Committee were informed that one complaint was closed because it related to a Parish Council decision and the Member in question was not found to have acted contrary to the Code.

One complaint was closed because there was no evidence to suggest that a breach of the Code of Conduct had taken place.

One complaint was closed because a breach was found, and this was settled by way of an official written advice from the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED – That Standards Committee noted the complaints update.

STA/ Urgent Business (public session)

41/2

3-24 There was no urgent business.