

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (ASSESSMENT SUB COMMITTEE)

29 January 2018

Present:-

Councillors M Asvachin, R Bloxham and A Mayes

* **22** **Appointment of Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Bloxham be appointed as Chair.

* **23** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **24** **Exclusion of the Press Public**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Bloxham, **SECONDED** by Councillor Asvachin and

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely, information relating to an individual and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

* **25** **Allegation of Breach of Members Code of Conduct**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented the Assessment Sub-Committee with the following documentation;

- initial complaint;
- Independent Person's comments;
- constitution - part 6a (code of personal conduct) Members code of conduct;
- constitution - part 6c (code of personal conduct) 'sexual harassment – acceptable conduct and guidance note';
- guidance/procedural note for the assessment determination of allegations of breaches of the code of conduct for Members; and
- statements submitted from the subject Member (circulated at the meeting).

relating to a complaint received on an alleged breach of the Members Code of Conduct.

The Sub-Committee considered all of the documentation referred to above with a view to determining whether or not, on the basis of the evidence available and the views of the Independent Person (in accordance with the Council's procedures) it agreed with their proposed course of action or whether they would wish to pursue or agree some other course of action.

The Sub Committee noted the views of the Independent Person and their recommendation that the matter should be subject to a formal investigation.

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It was **MOVED** by Councillor Bloxham, **SECONDED** by Councillor Asvachin, and

RESOLVED that the views of the Independent Person to undertake an independent formal investigation be endorsed.

(in line with the Procedure agreed under Standards Minute *18, Mrs Mayes asked that her support for the approved resolution be recorded)

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 2.15 pm and finished at 2.45 pm