

**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

**Standards Committee**

**Meeting held 3 August 2012**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Bryan Lodge (Chair), Alan Law, Vickie Priestley and Mr Edward Fleming (Independent Co-opted Member)

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**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

1.1 Resolved: That Councillor Bryan Lodge be appointed Chair of the Standards Committee for 2012/13.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Committee.

**4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

4.1 Resolved: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on the following item of business to be considered on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF CASE REFERENCE SHEFFIELD SC.01.12**

5.1 The Monitoring Officer submitted a report arising from an investigation in relation to a complaint concerning the conduct of a City Councillor (Case Reference Sheffield. SC.01.12).

5.2 The Investigating Officer's report made a finding that the Councillor was not in breach of the Council's Code of Conduct.

5.3 The Standards Committee were requested to consider the report and make one of the following findings:-

(a) That it accepts the Monitoring Officer's findings that there has not been a breach of the Code of Conduct; or

(b) That the matter should be considered at a hearing of the Standards Committee to consider the allegation and make clear findings as to the facts on the matter and whether, in its opinion, a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred.

- 5.4 Resolved: That (i) in respect of Case No. Sheffield.SC.01.12, the report's findings that the Councillor was not in breach of the Council's Code of Conduct, be accepted by the Committee;
- (ii) whilst finding no breach of the Code, the Committee requested the Monitoring Officer to take the further action now specified; and
- (iii) the Subject Member and the complainants are notified accordingly.

Signed .....

Councillor Bryan Lodge  
Chair of the Standards Committee

Date .....