

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Consideration Sub-Committee (Audit and Standards)

Meeting held 25 September 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Josie Paszek (Chair), Pat Midgley and Paul Scriven

Co-opted Independent Member
Liz Stanley

In attendance Independent Person
David Waxman

Council Officers
Gillian Duckworth (Monitoring Officer and Director of Legal and Governance)
Nadine Wynter (Legal Service Manager, Governance)
Dave Ross (Principal Committee Secretary)

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1.1 **Resolved:** That Councillor Josie Paszek be appointed Chair of this meeting of the Sub-Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

3.1 **Resolved:** That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on items 5 and 6 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 described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, regarding information relating to an individual/information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

5. CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDS COMPLAINT (REFERENCE SC.2016.17)

5.1 The Monitoring Officer submitted a report on the findings from an investigation into a complaint alleging that an elected Member had failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct. The Member and complainant were not required to attend the meeting.

5.2 **Resolved:** That, after consideration of the report on complaint reference SC.2016.17 and taking into account the views of the Independent Person, the Sub-Committee agreed to take no action as there was insufficient evidence to indicate a potential breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.

6. CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDS COMPLAINT (REFERENCE SC.2016.14)

6.1 The Monitoring Officer submitted a report regarding a complaint alleging that an Elected Member had failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct. The Member and complainant were not required to attend the meeting.

6.2 **Resolved:** That, after consideration of the report on complaint reference SC.2016.17 and taking into account the views of the Independent Person, the Sub-Committee agreed that (a) the Elected Member's conduct may constitute a potential breach of the Members' Code of Conduct and (b) this can be best resolved through a local resolution of the Member receiving guidance on how to communicate effectively in such situations and treat others with respect, particularly where there is a difference of opinion.