



Committee and Date

Standards Sub-Committee

20th April 2018

Item

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MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2017

11.00 AM - 11.35 AM

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward

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Present

Councillors Dean Carroll, Chris Mellings and Brian Williams

1 Election of Chairman

1.1 Resolved:

That Councillor Chris Mellings be elected Chairman of the Standards Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

3.1 Members of the Committee were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

4 Exclusion of the Public and Press

4.1 Resolved:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4.3 of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item.

5 Code of Conduct Complaint

- 5.1 Members considered the report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer regarding allegations that a Councillor had failed to comply with the Code of Conduct of Shropshire Council.
- 5.2 The Deputy Monitoring Officer reminded Members that the purpose of the meeting was not to consider the merits of the case but to consider whether the case should be referred for further investigation.
- 5.3 In response to a query the Deputy Monitoring Officer confirmed that The Monitoring Officer had delegated authority to determine what, if any, action is appropriate in respect of complaints about Councillors, and that he had delegated powers to deal with allegations where the Monitoring Officer is unable to do so due to her involvement. The Deputy Monitoring Officer informed Members that, due to the status of the Councillor complained about, he had felt that it was inappropriate for him to make this decision and that this was the reason the meeting had been convened.
- 5.4 After further discussion it was **Resolved:**

That the complaint be referred to the Deputy Monitoring Officer for further investigation.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: