



Committee and Date

Standards Sub-Committee

28 June 2018

**MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE
2018
10.30AM TO 10.50AM**

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Present

Councillors Dean Carroll, Chris Mellings and Tony Parsons

1 Election of Chairman

1.1 RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tony Parsons be elected as Chairman of the Standards Sub-Committee for the duration of this meeting

2 Apologies for Absence

2.1 There were no apologies for absence

3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

3.2 There were no declarations made

4 Minutes

4.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 20th April 2018 had been circulated.

4.2 RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 20 April 2018 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman

5 Exclusion of Public and Press

5.1 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 from the meeting during consideration of the following item.

6 Code of Conduct Complaint

- 6.1 Members considered the exempt report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer which presented the results of an investigation following an allegation that a Councillor had failed to comply with the Code of Conduct of Shropshire Council.
- 6.2 The Deputy Monitoring Officer confirmed that he had met with the Council's "Independent Person" and that the Independent Person had confirmed that he was content with the proposed course of action.
- 6.3 The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised that the "Independent Person" had suggested that it may be helpful if all Members were provided with a copy of the report on a confidential basis as a helpful reminder as to their responsibilities. Members felt that it was unnecessary to send the full report and asked that a confidential, anonymised briefing note setting out the key points of learning be drawn up for circulation to all Members.
- 6.4 Members expressed disappointment that the Member had accepted advice on the matter on a number of occasions prior to the alleged breach taking place
- 6.3 After further discussion it was **RESOLVED**:
- A. That, subject to the Member making an apology and undertaking training on their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct, there be no further action in relation to the finding by the Investigating Officer that, by seeking support for a friend's business, the Member failed to comply with the Code of Conduct of Shropshire Council.
 - B. That a briefing note, drawing out all points of learning be drawn up and circulated to all members.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: