

## **Remote meeting**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee on Tuesday 22 June 2021**

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#### **Committee members present:**

Councillor Lygo

Councillor Mundy

Councillor Pressel

Councillor Smowton

Councillor Fry (for Councillor Tidball)

Councillor Thomas (for Councillor  
Humberstone)

#### **Officers present for all or part of the meeting:**

Susan Sale, Monitoring Officer and Head of Law & Governance

Catherine Phythian, Committee and Member Services Officer

#### **Also present:**

Andrew Mills-Hicks, Independent Person, Independent Person non-voting

#### **Apologies:**

Councillor(s) Humberstone and Tidball sent apologies.

Substitutes are shown above.

#### **1. Election of Chair for the year 2021/22**

Cllr Susanna Pressel was elected Chair for the council year 2021-22.

#### **2. Election of Vice Chair for the year 2021/22**

Cllr Mark Lygo was elected Vice-Chair for the council year 2021-22.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4. Code of Conduct: summary of complaints and individual dispensations - 1 October 2020 until 14 June 2021**

The Monitoring Officer introduced the report for the period 1 October 2020 to 14 June 2021. She advised that 16 complaints received under the Members' Code of Conduct had been considered by herself and the Independent Persons. Although this was a high number of complaints it was important to note the wider context as three of the complaints related to the same incident; and a further 10 complaints had been

submitted by the same complainant. The Monitoring Officer referred the Committee to the learning points detailed in paragraphs 10 to 19 of the report.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that there had been no dispensations to an individual member, granted under Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act, during the period covered by the report.

The Standards Committee resolved to note the content of the report.

## **5. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Standards Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2020.

## **6. Dates of future meetings**

The Standards Committee noted the dates of the future meetings.

The Monitoring Officer advised that the main areas of business for the Committee would be;

- a review of the 2021 Member Training and Induction programme which would inform the arrangements for the 2022 programme
- endorsement of a new Code of Conduct for Members for recommendation to Council for adoption; the draft would be based on the LGA model and developed in collaboration with the other Oxfordshire local authorities.

**The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.15 pm**

**Chair .....**

**Date: Tuesday 14 September 2021**

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