

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Standards Committee (Local Hearing Panel
0018058)
on Wednesday 11 January 2023**

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Committee members present:

Councillor Humberstone (Chair)

Councillor Muddiman

Councillor Rehman

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Susan Sale, Monitoring Officer

Emma Griffiths, Investigating Officer

Lucy Brown, Committee and Member Services Officer

Also present:

Michael Evans, Littlemore Parish Council (Subject Councillor)

Osama Raja, Independent Person non-voting

Apologies:

Substitutes are shown above.

No apologies were received

1. Declarations of Interest

Following advice from the Monitoring Officer and for the purpose of transparency, Cllr Rae Humberstone advised the Committee that he had previously worked for Oxfordshire County Council, leaving in 2015. However during that time the Complainant was his line manager, however did not have a personal friendship with the Complainant, or any contact since leaving the Council.

2. Matters exempt from publication and exclusion of the public

The Local Hearing Panel did not wish to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any aspects of the preceding agenda items, and therefore did not pass a resolution to do so, as they felt the public interest in maintaining the exception did not outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information. This was **agreed** by all parties.

3. Local Hearing Panel (Case No. 18058)

The Monitoring Officer had submitted a report to provide the Local Hearing Panel with the Investigator’s Report and all associated evidence to enable them to determine the allegation that Littlemore Parish Councillor, Michael Evans, had breached the Littlemore Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members.

In accordance with Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, which provides that arrangements must be in place to deal with complaints of Councillors breaching their code of conduct, the Local Hearing Panel conducted a hearing into complaint reference 0018058.

A copy of the decision notice is attached to these minutes.

The meeting started at 5.00pm and ended at 6.55pm

Chair
2023

Date: Wednesday 22 March

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