

Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee on Wednesday 22 March 2023

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Committee members present:

Councillor Muddiman

Councillor Pressel (Chair)

Councillor Rehman

Councillor Thomas

Councillor Fry (for Councillor Humberstone)

Councillor Djafari-Marbini (remote attendance)

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Susan Sale, Head of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Lucy Brown, Committee and Member Services Officer

Apologies:

Councillors Humberstone and Smowton sent apologies.

Substitutes are shown above.

13. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

14. Code of Conduct: summary of complaints and individual dispensations - 01 November 2022 until 31 January 2023

The Committee had before them a report which advised them of the number and status of complaints received under the Members' Code of Conduct which have been, or are to be, considered by the Head of Law and Governance (in her statutory capacity as the authority's Monitoring Officer) in consultation with one of the Council's Independent Persons.

The Committee were provided with feedback following actions from the previous minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2022, and were advised by the Head of Law and Governance that of those cases, Code of Conduct training had been arranged but not yet undertaken. In particular, where recommended that the Subject Councillor provide an apology, this had not yet been undertaken.

The Committee were made aware of the Local Hearing Panel only being able to make recommendations to the Parish Council, and it being for the Parish Council to impose those sanctions. It was agreed that the Chair of the Standards Committee would write to all members of Littlemore Parish Council to encourage further discussion on undertaking these sanctions through their own Parish Council meetings.

The Committee thanked the officers and members involved in the Local Hearing Panel.

15. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Committee **approved** the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2022 and the Local Hearing Panel of 11 January 2023.

The Committee received verbal feedback on the outstanding actions confirmed by the Chair of the Parish Council.

The Committee thanked Susan Sale for all her hard work supporting the Committee and wished her luck in the future.

16. Dates of future meetings

The Committee **noted** the dates and times of future meetings.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.20 pm

Chair

Date: Monday 10 July 2023

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