

South Northamptonshire Council

The Standards Committee

Minutes of a meeting of The Standards Committee held as a Remote meeting on Wednesday 30 September 2020 at 4.00 pm.

Present Councillor John Townsend (Chairman)
 Councillor Steven Hollowell (Vice-Chairman)
 Councillor Ann Addison
 Councillor Sandra Barnes MBE
 Councillor Lisa Samiotis

Also Tom Edwards, Independent Person
Present: Dr Sadie Reynolds, Independent Person

Apologies Councillor Jacqueline Hart, Town/Parish Council Co-optee
for
Absence:

Officers: Andrew Hunkin, Executive Director: Resources (Monitoring Officer)
 Diana Davies, Democratic Services Officer

2 Declarations of Interest

9. Standards – Statement of Position

Councillor Samiotis, attended the standards review meetings and would leave the meeting room for the detailed discussion on these complaints.

3 Appointment of Vice Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2020-21

Resolved

(1) That Councillor Steven Hollowell be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2020-21.

4 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 8 July 2020 and 16 September were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman in due course.

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

6 Chairman's Announcements

There were no chairman's announcements

7 Standards Complaints Arrangements Report

The Executive Director: Resources and Monitoring Officer submitted a report on the proposed changes to the Standards Complaints Arrangements and provided an update on the co-option of Town and Parish Council councillors to this Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That, having given due consideration, the Standards Committee Arrangements be approved.
- (2) That the progression on the co-option of two town/parish councillors to the vacant positions on the Committee be noted.

8 Exclusion of Press and Public

"That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

9 Standards - Statement of Position

The Executive Director: Resources and Monitoring Officer submitted a report which provided a summary of the volume, nature and outcome of complaints received by the Monitoring Officer since the commencement of the new Standards Regime.

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the statement of position be noted.

The meeting closed at 4.22 pm

Chairman:

Date: