

Time commenced – 6.03pm
Finished – 6.15pm

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

2 November 2021

Present: Councillors AW Graves (Chair), Atwal, Hezelgrave (substitute for Councillor S Khan), Roulstone (substitute for Councillor A Holmes) and Alan Cameron, Stuart Green, Peter Purnell and Philip Sunderland

In Attendance: Emily Feenan - Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
Alex Hough – Head of Democracy
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

09/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors A Holmes and S Khan.

10/21 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were none.

11/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

12/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2021 were agreed.

13/21 Volume and Outcomes of Councillor Complaints 2020/21

The Board received a report of the Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer on Volume and Outcomes of Councillor Complaints 2020/21.

The report provided the Committee with an update on the volume and outcomes of Councillor complaints dealt with in the 2021/22 municipal year.

It was reported that one complaint was carried over from the 2019/20 municipal year, proceeded to investigation and was informally resolved by way of an apology to a meeting of the Licensing Committee.

It was also reported that one complaint was carried over from the 2020/21 municipal year and was dismissed.

Members noted that six complaints had been received in the 2021/22 municipal year and that two complaints had been dismissed, one complaint had proceeded to investigation and three were still live.

Resolved to note the volume and outcome of Councillor complaints as outlined in the report.

14/21 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

15/21 Summaries of Councillor Complaints 2020/21

The Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer on Summaries of Councillor Complaints 2020/21.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the summaries of Councillor complaints 2020/21 contained in the report;**
- 2. to agree that the level of detail contained within the summaries is sufficient to provide the Committee with an update on the types of complaints being received and the progress being made by the Council's Monitoring Officer to bring them to a conclusion; and**
- 3. to agree with the resolution passed at the meeting held on 10 July 2018, that subject members should not be named within Summaries of Councillor Complaints reports.**

MINUTES END