



Minutes

of the Meeting of the

Standards Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 31st January 2017

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 2.00 pm Meeting Concluded: 2.30pm

Councillors:

P Andy Cole

P Jill Iles

P Martin Williams

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Also present (co-opted, non-voting): Nick Carter-Brown (Independent Lay Person)

Officers in attendance: Sara Saunders (Solicitor, Corporate Services Directorate),
Julia Parkes (Corporate Services Directorate)

SSC Election of Chairman for the Meeting (Agenda Item 1)

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Resolved: that Councillor Iles be elected Chairman for the meeting.

(Councillor Iles in the Chair)

SSC Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37)

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(Agenda Item 3)

None

SSC Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2016 (Agenda Item 4)

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Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

SSC Exclusion of Press and Public

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Resolved: that the press, public and officers not required by the members or officers advising to remain during the exempt session be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that its consideration will involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 1001 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Minute no. SSC 20

Reason for the Exemption
Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of the Local
Government Act 1972

SSC Complaint against a North Somerset Councillor (04/2016)

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The Sub-Committee considered a complaint received from a member of the public regarding a North Somerset Councillor stating that he had breached the North Somerset Council Code of Conduct applicable to councillors.

The Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer outlined the complaint. The Sub-Committee considered the complaint, together with the response from the councillor concerned and received the views of the Independent Lay Person.

In discussing the key issues the sub-committee did not consider the councillor's actions had breached the Code of Conduct. The sub-committee were in agreement that the complaint bordered on vexatious.

Resolved:

(1) that the sub-committee does not find that the councillor's conduct breached the Code of Conduct; and

(2) that the Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer write to the complainant giving reasons for the decision.

Chairman
