

Minutes

of the Meeting of

The Standards Sub-Committee

Thursday, 12 January 2023

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Meeting Commenced: 2.45 pm

Meeting Concluded: 3.15 pm

Councillors:

James Tonkin

Ann Harley

Apologies: Councillor Mike Solomon

Also present (co-opted, non voting):

Anita Smith, Independent Town Councillor

Ian Carrington Porter, Independent Member

Officers in attendance:

Sara Saunders (Deputy Monitoring Officer) Michèle Chesterman, Jess Robinson (Corporate Services) Michele Chesterman (Committee Services Senior Officer) and Sara Saunders (Solicitor and Senior Legal Advisor)

STD Election of Chairman for the meeting (Agenda item 1)

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

Councillor Tonkin in the Chair

STD Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37) (Agenda item 3)

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None

STD Minutes of Standards Sub Committee 6 September 2022 (Agenda item 4)

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The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Sub Committee held on 6 September 2022 were noted, for information.

STD Exclusion of the press and public (Agenda item 5)

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The Sub-Committee was invited to pass the following resolution:

“(1) That the press, public, and officers not required by the Members, the Chief Executive or the Director, to remain during the exempt session, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the ground that its consideration will involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act”

Also, if appropriate, the following resolution should be passed –

“(2) That members of the Council who are not members of this Sub-Committee be invited to remain.”

Resolved: that the resolutions be passed.

Item	Reason for Exemption
Minute No. STD 13	Paragraphs 1 & 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

STD 13 Complaints against two Town Councillors (Case nos 11-2021 02-2022, 03-2022,) (Exempt item) (Agenda item 6)

Sara Saunders, Deputy Monitoring Officer, outlined the complaints and then responded to questions from the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered the complaints, together with the additional information/responses from the Councillors concerned, and received the views of the Independent Town Councillor and the Independent Member.

After much deliberation, the Sub-Committee

Resolved: that:

- (1) there have been breaches of the Clevedon Town Council Code of Conduct
- (2) a report of the Sub Committee’s Notice of Decision to be made public;
- (3) that the Deputy Monitoring Officer write to the Town Councillors, the Acting Town Clerk and the complainants advising of the decision.

STD 14 New Model Councillor Code of Conduct and Guidance (Agenda item 7)

It was noted that the New Model Councillor Code of Conduct and Guidance had been approved at the Council meeting on 10 January 2023.

Chairman
