

Minutes

of the Meeting of

The Standards Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 1 August 2023

Rickford Room - Town Hall

Meeting Commenced: 2.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 2.50 pm

Councillors:

Terry Porter
Mike Solomon
Hannah Young

Also in attendance:

Ian Carrington-Porter, Independent Member

Officers in attendance: Sara Saunders (Solicitor and Senior Legal Advisor) and Michele Chesterman (Committee Services Senior Officer), Harriet Isherwood (Committee Services Support Officer)

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

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Resolved: that Councillor Hannah Young be elected Chairperson for the meeting.

Councillor Young in the Chair

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

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None

STD Exclusion of the press and public (Agenda item 4)

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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 4	Paragraphs 1 & 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

STD 4 Complaint against North Somerset Councillor (Case no 01-2023) (Report and Exempt Appendices attached) (Agenda item 5)

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

The 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 Member.

In discussing the key issues, the sub-committee considered the councillor’s actions had breached the Code of Conduct, in relation to General Conduct, Section 1 Respect: treating other councillors and members of the public with respect. The Sub-Committee decided that the Councillor be asked to publish an apology and attend an Equalities training session.

Resolved: that the Deputy Monitoring Officer write to the Councillor and the complainant advising of the decision.

Chairperson
