

# Minutes

of the Meeting of

## The Standards Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 20 January 2022**

New Council Chamber - Town Hall

Meeting Commenced: 10.00 am

Meeting Concluded: 10.30 am

### Councillors:

Mike Solomon  
James Tonkin

**Apologies:** Councillors: Stuart McQuillan.

**Absent:** Councillors .

**Also in attendance:** Councillors .

**Officers in attendance:** .

### **STD Election of Chairman for the meeting (Agenda Item 1)** **5**

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

### **Councillor Tonkin in the Chair**

### **STD Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37) (Agenda** **6 Item 3)**

None declared.

### **STD Exclusion of the press and public (Agenda Item 4)** **7**

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.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Reason for Exemption</b>
Minute No. STD 8	Paragraphs 1 & 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

**STD 8 Complaint against a Town Councillor - Case No. 13-2020 (Exempt Item) (Agenda Item 5)**

Sara Saunders, Deputy Monitoring Officer, outlined the complaint and then responded to questions from members of the Sub-committee.

The Sub-committee received a Report from the Independent Investigator.

The Sub-committee considered the complaint, together with the response from the Councillor concerned and received the views of the Independent Town Councillor and the views of the Independent Member.

Following a debate, it was

**Resolved:** that the Sub-committee found no breach of the Code of Conduct. The Sub-committee noted however that the Councillor’s conduct during the investigation, whilst stopping short of obstructive, had not been as supportive of the process as would have been expected of any Councillor.

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Chairman

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