

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Standards Committee held the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

## **Present:**

Councillors Mrs L Walker (Chairman), L Beech, D F Fletcher and M. Shrive.

## **Officers Present:**

Mr John Teasdale (Monitoring Officer) and Mrs M Henchcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

## **Also Present:**

Mr G Goodall (Independent Person).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R Lock.

### 01/23 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

### 02/23 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor D F Fletcher be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

### 03/23 **MINUTES**

The Public Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were noted.

### 04/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business pursuant to Rule 12.

### 05/23 **MONITORING OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT**

(MO) The Monitoring Officer updated Members on complaints received since the last meeting of the Committee.

He informed Members that since the last meeting there was one Borough Councillor ongoing complaint.

He also reported that he had received three applications for the Parish Council to serve on the Standards Committee which had been advertised previously. It was agreed that they Deputy Monitoring Officer would review the applications and look to appoint two new parish councillors on to the Committee as soon as possible

It was also noted that the Monitoring Officer had recently posted an advert on the Council's website for a Deputy Independent Person, to work alongside the Independent Person. Members would be updated at the next meeting regarding any appointment.

**NOTED**

06/23 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

**PRIVATE MINUTES**

**MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**Chairman.**