

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Monday 27th November 2023 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors L. Walker (Chairman), L. Beech, R. Lock and M. Shrive

Officers Present:

John Teasdale (Monitoring Officer) and Daniel Caulkett (Democratic Services Officer)

Also Present:

Graham Goodall (Independent Person) and Helen Headech (Parish Council representative)

09/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

10/23 **PUBLIC MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Public Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th July 2023 be approved by the Committee and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows.

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L. Walker Councillor L. Beech Councillor M. Shrive		Councillor R. Lock

11/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

12/23 **APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT PERSON AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Report of the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services (Monitoring Officer), on the appointment of an additional Independent Person and Parish Council Representatives to the Standards Committee was considered. Appendix 1: Independent Person, Advert; Appendix 2: CV of Mrs Sarah Riches; Appendix 3: Parish Council representative, Advert had been circulated with the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee endorse and support the Report's recommendations.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows.

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L. Walker Councillor L. Beech Councillor R. Lock Councillor M. Shrive		

13/23 **MONITORING OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT**

The Monitoring Officer provided updated Members on complaints received since the last meeting of the Committee.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that there was still one ongoing complaint, with the investigator looking to report their findings within the next quarter.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED.

14/23 **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 as it would 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

PRIVATE MONITORING OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT