

Standards Sub-committee

Wednesday, 8 March 2023

Present: Councillor F Lott (Chair)
Councillors L Bartoli and T Hallway

In attendance: Dr S Green, Independent Person

SS5/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SS6/23 Exclusion Resolution

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

SS7/23 Complaint NT06/2022-23

The Sub-committee considered the report of the Investigating Officer into Complaint NT06/2022-23 in order to determine the action to be taken with respect to the complaint in accordance with the Authority's Local Arrangements for dealing with Complaints made under the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.

The Sub-committee took into account the views of the Independent Person who was in attendance at the meeting.

The Chair of the Sub-committee stated that he would like to request further clarification from the Investigating Officer on three points in the report. These were:

1. Page 82 of the papers – Paragraph 8.3.1 – to clarify why this is not a breach of the Code of Conduct.
2. Page 83 – Number 2 in the numbered paragraphs. To clarify the conclusions of the Investigating Officer on this point.
3. Further clarification of the conclusions reached in relation to a specific issue of the complaint.

He also stated that clarification on these points could feed into any future review of the Code of Conduct.

Following a vote, it was **agreed** that:

- the Investigating Officer be asked to provide the Sub-committee with clarification on the three points identified at the meeting, and for this information to be considered at a future meeting of the Sub-committee.