

Standards Sub-committee

Monday, 3 July 2023

Present:

Councillors F Lott and T Hallway

In attendance:

Councillors

Apologies: Councillors

SS8/23 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

SS9/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SS10/23 Exclusion Resolution

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 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

SS11/23 Complaint NT06/2022-23

The Sub-committee considered the report which included an addendum report

in relation to complaint NT06/2022-23. This addendum report had been provided by the Independent Investigator in response to a request from the Standards Sub-committee on 8 March 2023 for clarification on 3 specific points.

The Sub-committee noted that the addendum report had been shared with the complainant and the subject member. The complainant had provided some comments on the report and these were attached to the report at Appendix 3.

It was noted that the Independent Investigator had not changed his view on the complaint that there is no evidence of a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct.

The Independent Person was invited to comment on the report. The Independent Person was in agreement with the findings of the Independent Investigator.

The Chair of the Sub-committee noted the information contained in the addendum report and that the response to the questions asked by the Sub-committee had confirmed the nature of the behaviour complained of, but that this had not been considered to be a breach of the Code of Conduct.

It was **resolved** that:

1. the Sub-committee accept the findings of the Independent Investigator that no breach of the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members has occurred and instruct the Monitoring Officer to write to the Subject Member and to the Complainant, notifying both that the Sub-committee is satisfied that no further action is required, and give both a copy of the Independent Investigator's Final Report and Addendum Report.
2. The Monitoring Officer be requested to send a letter to the Independent Investigator thanking him for the helpful explanations contained in the addendum report.