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Standards Committee

Thursday, 7 July 2022

Present: Councillor F Lott (Chair)
Councillors T Hallway, L Bartoli, D Cox, W Lott and
W Samuel

In attendance: Dr S Green, Mr G Clark

Apologies: Councillors B Burdis, E Darke and Janet Hunter

SC1 /22 Appointment of Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

SC2 /22 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

SC3 /22 Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2022 be agreed.

SC4 /22 Action Plan/Work Programme 2022/23

The Committee considered the report which set out a draft action plan/work programme for the year ahead.

The Committee noted that an amended Code of Conduct for Members and local arrangements for dealing with Complaints was now in place, following approval at the Annual Council meeting. The new Code of Conduct aimed to be more user friendly. The committee suggested that training for Members on the Code of Conduct should include monitoring of how the new code of Conduct is received by new Members.

It was **agreed** that the action plan/ work programme for 2022-23 be adopted.

SC5 /22 Appointment of Independent Persons

The Committee considered a report which set out proposals to be made to full Council on 21 July 2022 to appoint three Independent Persons for a 4-year term of office.

It was noted that the term of office of the Authority's three current Independent Persons were due to end on 31 July 2022. Two of the Independent Persons, Mr G Clark and Ms S Gardner, have now completed 10 years in total as Independent Persons. This is the maximum period of time agreed by full Council and they are ineligible to continue for a further term.

A full recruitment exercise for the roles was commenced in early June 2022. The selection Panel identified 3 suitable candidates for the position, including Dr S Green, who is a current Independent Person.

A recommendation will be made to full Council on 21 July 2022 by the monitoring officer to appoint the three individuals as set out in the report.

It was **agreed** that:

1. The proposal to full Council on the appointment of 3 members as Independent Persons be noted;
2. The Committee record its thanks and gratitude to Mr George Clark and Ms Stella Gardner for their service in the role of Independent Person over a 10-year period.