

# North Tyneside Council Report to Standards Sub-Committee Date: 1 December 2023

## ITEM 2

Title: Standards  
Committee Hearing into  
Allegation of Breach of  
the Members' Code of  
Conduct

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**Wards affected:** All

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### 1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present a report of the Investigating Officer in relation to an alleged breach of the Members' Code of Conduct in relation to Complaint NT14.2022-23 and NT15.2022-23.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s)

(1) The Standards Sub-Committee is required to decide whether the Member, against whom the allegations have been made, has breached the Code of Conduct in relation to each complaint; and

(2) If a breach is found, to determine what, if any, sanction should be imposed.

### 3.0 Information

3.1 The Standards Sub-Committee is required to consider the completed investigation report from the Investigating Officer in respect of the following complaints: NT14.2022-23 and NT15.2022-23.

3.2 In considering the Investigating Officer's report the Sub-Committee will be required to determine whether or not the Member has failed to follow the Authority's adopted Members' Code of Conduct and, if so, what penalty should be applied, if any.

3.3 The Sub-Committee should act in an inquisitorial manner, rather than an adversarial manner, seeking the truth in relation to the conduct of the Member on the balance of the information available to it, and may commission further investigation or information if it needs to do so in order for it to come to a decision. The Sub-Committee's role is governed by the Authority's Local Arrangements for dealing with Complaints against Members.

3.4 Attached as Appendix A is the Procedure to be followed for the Hearing.

3.5 Attached as Appendix B is the Pre-Hearing Process Summary in relation to complaint NT14.2022-23.

- 3.6 Attached as Appendix C is the Pre-Hearing Process Summary in relation to complaint NT15.2022-23.
- 3.7 Appendix D is the Investigating Officer's report in relation to Complaints NT14.2022-23 and NT.15.2022-23.

#### **4.0 Appendices (if any)**

Appendix A - Hearing Procedure

Appendix B - Pre-Hearing Process Summary for Complaint NT14.2022-23

Appendix C - Pre-Hearing Process Summary for Complaint NT15.2022-23

Appendix D - Investigating Officer's Report

#### **5.0 Background Information**

North Tyneside Council Constitution

North Tyneside Council Members' Code of Conduct