

# NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13 November 2019

**PRESENT:** - Councillor Poole (in the Chair).

Councillors England (Vice-Chair), Bainbridge, T Foster, O’Sullivan, Wells and Yeadon.

Mrs Wroe - Co-opted (Non-voting) Member, Mr Harvie – Independent Person

The committee met at Church Square House, Scunthorpe

286 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS** – There were no declarations of interests made at the meeting.

287 **MINUTES - Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of this committee held on 11 September 2019, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

288 **RENEWAL OF DISPENSATION** - The Director: Governance and Partnerships submitted a report requesting that the Standards Committee consider renewing the dispensation granted to all elected members on 6 November 2015, subsequently renewed on 23 November 2016, 22 November 2017 and 21 November 2018, concerning motions relating to British Steel (formerly TATA Steel).

The Monitoring Officer explained that the committee had granted a dispensation in November 2015 to enable all members of the council to participate in a motion concerning TATA Steel, now British Steel, at a meeting of full council. This dispensation was extended for a further 12 months by the committee in November 2016, November 2017 and again in November 2018 to enable all members to discuss and debate issues relating to the steel industry. The terms of the dispensation were set out in the report. As the renewed dispensation was due to expire on 21 November 2019 the committee was asked to consider whether to grant a further dispensation, taking into account the continuing interest in British Steel and the likelihood that the council will continue to discuss relevant issues.

**Resolved** – That pursuant to section 33 (2) (c) of the Localism Act 2011, the dispensation granted by the committee on 6 November 2015, and subsequently renewed on 23 November 2016, 22 November 2017 and 21 November 2018, be renewed for a further twelve month period.

289 **STANDARDS TRAINING FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS** - The Monitoring Officer gave a short oral update on two forthcoming training sessions, due to take place on 28 November 2019 and 4 December 2018, on the standards regime, local arrangements and governance, The Localism Act 2011, and relevant case law.

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These training sessions had been offered to the councillors and clerks of all Town and Parish Councils in North Lincolnshire, as well as all members of the Standards Committee and representatives from ERNLLYCA. Confirmed attendance was positive, and previous sessions well-regarded.

**Resolved** – That the situation be noted.

- 290 **COMPLAINTS SCHEDULE** - The Director: Governance and Partnerships submitted a report updating the committee on progress made with complaints received.

The Director updated members on the complaints schedule, confirming that there were no outstanding complaints requiring assessment. One complaint had been referred for investigation and this work was underway. The remainder of the schedule was up to date.

**Resolved** - That the report be noted.