

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**STANDARDS COMMITTEE (HEARING PANEL)**

**6 May 2022**

**PRESENT: -**

Cllr N Poole, Cllr D Wells, Cllr C O'Sullivan and R Johnson (Independent Person)

The meeting was held at the Church Square House, High Street, Scunthorpe.

**403   DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL AND PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL (IF ANY).**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal and personal and prejudicial interests.

**404   TO CONSIDER THE FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER (BRIEF SUMMARY BY THE MONITORING OFFICER) INTO AN ALLEGATION THAT TWO MEMBERS OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL BREACHED THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Hearings Panel followed the set procedure for an uncontested hearing.

Following submissions from the Investigating Officers, the Independent Person, and Councillor Davison, the Hearings Panel retired to consider whether there was a breach of paragraphs 3.8 of the Code of Conduct. Following these considerations, the panel reconvened to discuss possible sanctions, again, inviting submissions from the Investigating Officers, the Independent Person, and the councillor. The Panel subsequently retired to consider sanctions.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Hearings Panel conclude that Cllr Davison and Cllr Grant breached paragraph 3.8 of the Code of Conduct, (b) that no further sanction would be required, beyond sending a copy of the decision notice to the Respondents under a letter from the Monitoring Officer formally recording that they had been found to have breached the Code of Conduct; and (c) that the Panel recommends that the relevant Publicity and Media Relations Policy be updated as soon as practicable and the updated draft policy be referred to a future meeting of the Governance Scrutiny Panel for consultation, prior to consideration by the Executive