

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

**6 September 2023**

**PRESENT: -**

Cllr N Poole, Cllr R Ogg and Cllr S Swift

Dr Harvie, and Mr Johnson

The meeting was held at the Church Square House, 30-40 High Street, Scunthorpe.

**478 TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Poole was appointed and assumed the Chair.

**479 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, IF ANY.**

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

**480 TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 JUNE 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.**

**Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 June 2023 be approved as a correct record, and the Chairman be authorised to sign.

**481 ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED.**

There were no other items which the Chairman considered urgent.

**482 LOCALISM ACT 2011 - TO CONSIDER TEN COMPLAINTS**

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST A MEMBER OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/06). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Dr Harvie (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – (a) That no further action be taken on the complaint; and (b) that the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Assessment

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Panel, issue a decision notice detailing the Panel's decision.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST A MEMBER OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/11). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Mr Forbes (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – Resolved – That an investigation be conducted to find whether there had been a breach of paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 of the Code of Conduct.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST A MEMBER OF ASHBY PARKLANDS PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/15). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Mr Johnson (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – (a) That no further action be taken on the complaint; and (b) that the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Assessment Panel, issue a decision notice detailing the Panel's decision.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST A MEMBER OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL (SC/23/16). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Mr Forbes (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – (a) That no further action be taken on the complaint; and (b) that the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Assessment Panel, issue a decision notice detailing the Panel's decision.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST A MEMBER OF GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/17). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Mr Johnson (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint,

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which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – (a) That no further action be taken on the complaint; (b) that a recommendation of mediation be given; and (c) that the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Assessment Panel, issue a decision notice detailing the Panel's decision.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST A MEMBER OF EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL (SC/23/18). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Mr Johnson (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – (a) Resolved – That an investigation be conducted to find whether there had been a breach of paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 of the Code of Conduct.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL (SC/23/19). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered a request to submit a complaint anonymously.

Guidance was sought from the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

**Resolved** – That anonymity not be granted in relation to this complaint.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST A MEMBER OF EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL (SC/23/20). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Mr Forbes (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – That an investigation be conducted to find whether there had been a breach of paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 of the Code of Conduct.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL (SELF-REFERRAL) (SC/23/21). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details.

Mr Johnson (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

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**Resolved** – (a) That no further action be taken on the complaint; and (b) that the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Assessment Panel, issue a decision notice detailing the Panel's decision.

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL (SC/23/22). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered the complaint. The panel had been provided with the complaint details and the response of the subject member.

Mr Forbes (Independent Person) submitted his views on the complaint, which were considered by all members.

**Resolved** – That an investigation be conducted to find whether there had been a breach of paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 of the Code of Conduct.

483 **ANY OTHER ITEMS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT, BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH MUST BE SPECIFIED.**

There were no additional or urgent items.