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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (ASSESSMENT PANEL)

29 June 2023

PRESENT: - Cllr N Poole, Cllr M Ali and Cllr R Ogg

Mr Johnson (Independent Person)

The meeting was held in F36, Church Square House, 30-40 High Street, Scunthorpe.

463 **TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Poole was appointed and assumed the Chair.

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

Cllr Ogg declared a personal and prejudicial interest in complaints SC/23/13 and SC/23/14 and subsequently left the meeting when these items were under consideration.

465 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 MARCH 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.**

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 March 2023 be approved as a correct record, and the Chairman be authorised to sign.

466 **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.

467 **LOCALISM ACT 2011 - TO CONSIDER ELEVEN COMPLAINTS**

Resolved - That the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following items (minute 467 refers) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL (SC/23/03). 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 written 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 NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL (SC/23/05). 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 TWO MEMBERS OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/06). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered a request to submit a complaint anonymously.

Guidance was sought from the Monitoring Officer.

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

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/07). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered a request to submit a complaint anonymously.

Guidance was sought from the 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 CADNEY CUM HOWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/09). 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 OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/10). In accordance with the council's

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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 written 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 THE PUBLIC AGAINST TWO MEMBERS OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/11). In accordance with the council's adopted Arrangements, the panel considered a request to submit a complaint anonymously.

Guidance was sought from the Monitoring Officer.

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

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL (SC/23/12). 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 written 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.

Cllr Ogg left the meeting for consideration of the following two complaints (SC/23/13 and SC/23/14) due to the declaration of a personal and prejudicial interest (minute 464 refers)

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - CODE OF CONDUCT – COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL (SC/23/13). 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 written 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 AN OFFICER OF WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL AGAINST A MEMBER OF WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL (SC/23/14). 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.

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Dr Harvie (Independent Person) submitted his written 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 and 3.2 of the Code of Conduct.

Cllr Ogg rejoined the meeting.

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 a request to submit a complaint anonymously.

Guidance was sought from the Monitoring Officer.

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