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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### STANDARDS COMMITTEE

7 November 2024

**PRESENT:** - Cllr N Poole (Chairman)

Cllr J Davison, Cllr C O'Sullivan, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr H Rayner, Cllr C Ross, and Cllr D Wells

The meeting was held at the Conference Room, Church Square House.

545 **SUBSTITUTIONS (IF ANY)**

Cllr Davison substituted for Cllr Ogg. Cllr Rayner substituted for Cllr Ali.

546 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

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

547 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JUNE 2024 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of this committee held on 27 June 2024, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

548 **RENEWAL OF STEEL INDUSTRY DISPENSATION**

The Director: Transformation and Outcomes submitted a report requesting that the Standards Committee consider renewing the dispensation granted to all elected members on 6 November 2015, and renewed each subsequent year, concerning motions related to British Steel (formerly Tata Steel).

The Monitoring Officer explained that this dispensation had been granted in November 2015, and renewed annually, in order to allow members to participate in any motion or discussion concerning British Steel and the steel industry. Further details, including the terms of the dispensation, were set out in the report.

As the dispensation was due to expire on 9 November 2024 the committee was asked to consider extending the dispensation for a further twelve months, taking into account the continued interest in the steel industry, and the likelihood that the council would wish to discuss related issues.

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**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 annually, be renewed for a further twelve month period.

549 **COMPLAINTS SCHEDULE - UPDATE.**

The Director: Transformation and Outcomes submitted a report updating the Standards Committee on progress made on all outstanding complaints and investigations, and any relevant issues related to the Complaints Schedule.

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

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

There were no urgent or additional items for consideration at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the new Monitoring Officer to her role, stating that he looked forward to working closely with them, and building on previous successes. In return, the Monitoring Officer thanked the Chairman and all members of the Standards Committee, stating that she was delighted to begin her role, and noting that the standards regime in North Lincolnshire was strong, thanks to the impartiality and collective efforts of all.