



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16th December, 2021

STANDARDS AND ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE – REFERRALS PANEL

1st September 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillors Croft, Green and K. Swinburn,

Officers in attendance:

- Eve Richardson-Smith (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also in attendance:

- Wayne Harvie (Independent Person)

SREF.5 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor K. Swinburn be appointed Chair for this meeting of the referrals panel.

COUNCILLOR K. SWINBURN IN THE CHAIR

SREF.6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SREF.7 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that discussion of the following business was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

SREF.8 COMPLAINT MO/02/2021

The panel considered the above complaint in accordance with the local standards arrangements arising from the Localism Act 2011 and as adopted by this Council on the 29th June 2012.

The panel were given the opportunity to ask the Deputy Monitoring Officer any questions regarding the complaint and the Independent Person's views.

The panel concurred with the view of the Deputy Monitoring Officer and Independent Person, agreeing that there was insufficient evidence to suggest a breach of the Code of Conduct and therefore, taking into account the stage 2 criteria, it would not be in the public interest to investigate and/or take any further action.

RESOLVED – That no action be taken in respect of complaint MO/02/2021 as the panel determined that it did not satisfy the stage two criteria.

SREF.9 COMPLAINT MO/04/2021

The panel considered the above complaint in accordance with the local standards arrangements arising from the Localism Act 2011 and as adopted by this Council on the 29th June 2012.

The panel were given the opportunity to ask the Deputy Monitoring Officer any questions regarding the complaint and the Independent Person's views.

The panel concurred with the view of the Deputy Monitoring Officer and Independent Person, agreeing that there was insufficient evidence to suggest a breach of the Code of Conduct and therefore, taking into account the stage 2 criteria, it would not be in the public interest to investigate and/or take any further action.

RESOLVED – That no action be taken in respect of complaint MO/04/2021 as the panel determined that it did not satisfy the stage two criteria.

SREF.10 COMPLAINT MO/05/2021

The panel considered the above complaint in accordance with the local standards arrangements arising from the Localism Act 2011 and as adopted by this Council on the 29th June 2012.

The panel were given the opportunity to ask the Deputy Monitoring Officer any questions regarding the complaint and the Independent Person's views.

The panel concurred with the view of the Deputy Monitoring Officer and Independent Person, agreeing that there was insufficient evidence to

suggest a breach of the Code of Conduct and therefore, taking into account the stage 2 criteria, it would not be in the public interest to investigate and/or take any further action.

RESOLVED – That no action be taken in respect of complaint MO/05/2021 as the panel determined that it did not satisfy the stage two criteria.

SREF.11 COMPLAINT MO/07/2021

The panel considered the above complaint in accordance with the local standards arrangements arising from the Localism Act 2011 and as adopted by this Council on the 29th June 2012.

The panel were given the opportunity to ask the Deputy Monitoring Officer any questions regarding the complaint and the Independent Person's views.

The panel concurred with the view of the Deputy Monitoring Officer and Independent Person, agreeing that there was insufficient evidence to suggest a breach of the Code of Conduct and therefore, taking into account the stage 2 criteria, it would not be in the public interest to investigate and/or take any further action.

RESOLVED – That no action be taken in respect of complaint MO/07/2021 as the panel determined that it did not satisfy the stage two criteria.

SREF.12 COMPLAINT MO/06/2021

The panel considered the above complaint in accordance with the local standards arrangements arising from the Localism Act 2011 and as adopted by this Council on the 29th June 2012.

The panel were given the opportunity to ask the Deputy Monitoring Officer any questions regarding the complaint and the Independent Person's views.

The panel concurred with the view of the Deputy Monitoring Officer and Independent Person, agreeing that there was insufficient evidence to suggest a breach of the Code of Conduct and therefore, taking into account the stage 2 criteria, it would not be in the public interest to investigate and/or take any further action.

RESOLVED – That no action be taken in respect of complaint MO/06/2021 as the panel determined that it did not satisfy the stage two criteria.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.27 p.m.