



## **STANDARDS REFERRALS PANEL**

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1.15pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors Cairns, Dawkins and Green

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Eve Richardson-Smith (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
- Rachel Marshall (Executive Member Support Officer)

### **SREF.25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

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

COUNCILLOR DAWKINS IN THE CHAIR

### **SREF.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **SREF.27 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.28 COMPLAINT MO/04/2022**

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 that no further action be taken. As per stage 1 of the criteria the named Member was in Office at the time of the alleged conduct, but he was not acting in his official capacity. One of the three tests is not satisfied and therefore the complaint cannot be investigated as a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct

RESOLVED –

- (1) That in respect of complaint MO/04/2022 the stage 1 criteria were not satisfied and therefore could not be investigated as a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct.

## **SREF.29 COMPLAINT MO/05/2022**

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 that no further action be taken. As per stage 1 of the criteria the named Member was in Office at the time of the alleged conduct, but he was not acting in his official capacity. One of the three tests is not satisfied and therefore the complaint cannot be investigated as a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct

RESOLVED –

- (1) That in respect of complaint MO/05/2022 the stage 1 criteria were not satisfied and therefore could not be investigated as a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 13.34 p.m.