



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting to be held in July 2016

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE – REFERRALS PANEL**

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Walker (in the Chair)

Councillors Brown and Brookes

Officers in attendance:

Tony Maione  
Adebayo Genty

Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer  
Scrutiny and Committee Support Officer

Also in attendance:

Jonathan Goolden

Independent Person

Ellie Malone

Undergraduate

SRef.1 **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Walker be appointed as the Chairman for this Panel meeting.

COUNCILLOR WALKER IN THE CHAIR.

SRef.2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

SRef.3 **EXCLUSION OF 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).

**COMPLAINT – MO/03/2016**

The Panel considered the Independent Person's report regarding the above complaint in accordance with the local Standards Arrangements and, particularly, the assessment criteria.

The Panel were given the opportunity to ask the Monitoring Officer, any questions regarding the complaint and Independent Person's report.

The Panel agreed with the Monitoring Officer's suggestion that there was no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct, and agreed that no further action should be taken.

The Panel also concurred with the view of the Independent Person appointed for the consideration of this complaint. They agreed that there was no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That no further action be taken in respect of complaint MO/03/2016 as they did not think it was a breach, but even if it was it should still not be investigated because an apology had been given.
- (2) That the Monitoring Officer be instructed to liaise to the Councillor concerned, giving advice and guidance on the proper process to follow when attending public meetings.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 a.m.