

APPOINTMENTS PANEL RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held 19th September, 2025.

Present: Councillors N.P Hodges, G. John, and J. Protheroe. Mrs. K. Jones (Lay Member), Councillor P. King (Town and Community Council Member).

Also present: V. Davidson (Monitoring Officer) and A. Rudman (Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer).

(a) Apology for Absence -

This was received from Councillor C.A. Cave.

(b) Appointment of Chair -

AGREED – T H A T Mrs. K. Jones be appointed Chair for the meeting.

(c) Declarations of Interest –

No close personal associations were declared at the meeting. However, it was noted that following circulation of the agenda prior to the meeting which contained the applications, Mrs. K. Jones had advised of her professional knowledge of one of the candidates however, had had no contact with the applicant for 20+ years. Councillor N. Hodges also advised that one of the applicants was a constituent within their electoral ward but was not known to them personally.

(d) Appointment of Independent Member to Serve on the Council's Standards Committee –

The Monitoring Officer, in presenting the report, advised on the appointment process that had been undertaken for the appointment of an Independent Member on the Standards Committee. The process of appointing an Independent Member having been approved by Full Council with the remit of the Appointments Panel being to consider applications and report any recommendations to the Standards Committee Appointments Committee.

(e) Exclusion of Press and Public –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of

business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

(f) Interview for the Appointment of an Independent Member to sit on the Council's Standards Committee (Exempt Information – Paragraphs 12, 13 and 14) –

Details relating to the interviews and X (the recommended candidate) will be shared during Part II of the Agenda for the Standards Appointments Committee.

The Panel interviewed eighteen applicants for the position and following the interviews, the Panel subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the top four applicants be presented to the Standards Committee Appointments Committee, with X recommended for appointment as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee for a term of office as required in line with relevant legislation.

Reason for decision

Having considered the applications and the suitability of applicants to demonstrate the qualities and characteristics for the position as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee.