

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Hearing Sub-Committee (Audit and Standards)

Meeting held 8 May 2024

PRESENT: Councillors , Mohammed Mahroof, Laura McClean and Henry Nottage and James Brackley (Non-Voting Co-Opted Independent Member)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE

1.1 Resolved: that Councillor Mohammed Mahroof be appointed Chair of this Hearing Sub-Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no interests declared at the meeting.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

4.1 **Resolved:** That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on item 5 on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, regarding information relating to an individual/information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

5. CONSIDERATION OF INVESTIGATORS REPORT SC.2023.10

5.1 The Sub-Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer that requested members consider the findings of the Investigators report regarding complaint reference SC.2023.10 that alleged elected members had failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct.

5.2 The Subject Members and the Complainant were invited to attend the meeting. The Subject Members did not attend the meeting.

5.3 The Investigator was in attendance via remote connection to present the findings to the Sub-Committee.

5.4 The Sub-Committee concluded that the Subject Members were acting in an official capacity at the time the potential breach occurred and therefore moved into Stage 3 of the Hearing Sub-Committee procedure and consider whether it agreed with the findings of the Investigators report.

- 5.5 Resolved: - that, after consideration of the Investigators report in relation to complaint reference SC.2023.10, the Sub-Committee for the reasons laid out in the report and taking into account the evidence and the law, including but not limited to the need to take into account the scope of the Members' Code of Conduct regime generally, the specific application of the relevant provisions and the effect of Article 10 decided that the Subject Members did not breach the Members' Code of Conduct, therefore, no further action would be taken.