

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## Consideration Sub-Committee (Audit and Standards)

### Meeting held 25 September 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillors Josie Paszek (Chair), Pat Midgley and Paul Scriven

Co-opted Independent Member  
Liz Stanley

**In attendance** Independent Person  
David Waxman

Council Officers  
Gillian Duckworth (Monitoring Officer and Director of Legal and Governance)  
Nadine Wynter (Legal Service Manager, Governance)  
Dave Ross (Principal Committee Secretary)

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#### **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

- 1.1 **Resolved:** That Councillor Josie Paszek be appointed Chair of this meeting of the Sub-Committee.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

#### **3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

- 3.1 **Resolved:** That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on items 5 and 6 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.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDS COMPLAINT (REFERENCE SC.2016.17)**

- 5.1 The Monitoring Officer submitted a report on the findings from an investigation into a complaint alleging that an elected Member had failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct. The Member and complainant were not required to attend the meeting.

- 5.2 **Resolved:** That, after consideration of the report on complaint reference SC.2016.17 and taking into account the views of the Independent Person, the Sub-Committee agreed to take no action as there was insufficient evidence to indicate a potential breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDS COMPLAINT (REFERENCE SC.2016.14)**

- 6.1 The Monitoring Officer submitted a report regarding a complaint alleging that an Elected Member had failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct. The Member and complainant were not required to attend the meeting.
- 6.2 **Resolved:** That, after consideration of the report on complaint reference SC.2016.17 and taking into account the views of the Independent Person, the Sub-Committee agreed that (a) the Elected Member's conduct may constitute a potential breach of the Members' Code of Conduct and (b) this can be best resolved through a local resolution of the Member receiving guidance on how to communicate effectively in such situations and treat others with respect, particularly where there is a difference of opinion.