

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Standards Committee held on 13 September 2021

Present

Wilson (Chairman), Briggs, Patrick, Payter and Turner

7 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Lowe, E Shimbart and P Wade.

8 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

9 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of the Havant Borough Council Standards Committee held on 6th July 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

10 Appointment of Independent Persons

The Monitoring Officer introduced the item to the committee. The committee discussed the report.

Members were requested to:

- a. note the recruitment process of the Independent Persons (IPs)
- b. to recommend Full Council approve the appointment of Mr Andy Kirk, Mr David Heck and Mr Peter Moore as Independent Persons as selected by the interview panel and detailed in the report.

Proposed by Councillor Briggs
Seconded by Councillor Turner

Members NOTED the recruitment and RECOMMEND that Full Council approve the appointment of the Independent Persons.

11 Constitutional Working Group

The Monitoring Officer introduced the item to the committee. A verbal update was provided informing members that there are three items to go before the first meeting of the Constitutional Working Group which had been scheduled for 16th September 2021.

12 Code of Conduct Complaints

The Monitoring Officer introduced the item to the committee confirming that it would be a standing item on the agenda in order to provide a brief overview on the management of councillor conduct complaints made as of 1st January 2021.

Members were provided with an exempt table outlining the current complaints and their progress.

Councillors expressed an interest in discussing the item further. The committee were therefore invited to pass a resolution to enter an exempt session.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Turner

13 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the minutes headed and numbered as below because:

it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during those minutes there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of the descriptions specified in paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 shown against the heading in question; and

in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Minute 12 Councillor Code of Conduct Complaints
(Paragraph 1)

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 5.46 pm