

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Monday 25th November 2024 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors L. Walker (Chairman), L Beech, R Lock, A. Mansfield and M. Shrive.

Officers Present:

John Teasdale (Head of Legal and Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer), Andrea Davies (Principal Democratic Services Officer) and Emily Thomas (Corporate Services Apprentice)

Also Present:

Sarah Riches (Independent Person), Parish/Town Councillors J McKiernan and H Headech.

An apology for absence was received from: G Goodall (Independent Person)

38/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

39/24 PUBLIC MINUTES

It was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

40/24 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

41/24 MONITORING OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

The Committee received an update from the Monitoring officer on the complaints received which were currently live: One complaint made in regards to Councillor P Hudson was in the process of being finalised, with the report expected by the end of the month. An Investigation into a complaint regarding Parish Councillor P Atkins would be finalised shortly.

The Committee noted two complaints had been concluded. One complaint involving Councillors Z Krupski concluded after a formal apology and a complaint regarding Town Councillor C Sylvester concluded without the need for an investigation.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED.

42/24 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows.

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L. Walker Councillor L Beech Councillor R Lock Councillor A Mansfield Councillor M. Shrive		