

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Monday, 30 November 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Patel (Chair); Councillor Oldham (Deputy Chair); Councillors Bottwood, T Eales, Kilbride, B Markham, Marriott and Russell, Parish Councillor Lewis (Co Optee) and I Castkra (Co Optee)

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mr R Mehaffy (Co optee.)

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2020 as a true and accurate record.

3. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

There were none.

6. STATISTICS - CODE OF CONDUCT ARRANGEMENTS COMPLAINTS

The Standards Committee received a report detailing statistics in relation to Code of Conduct Arrangements complaints.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised the Committee of the complaints and various resolutions. He referred to the complaint against a Parish Council stating that it was suggested that the Standards Hearing Panel could be held over an online audio and web conferencing platform. The system used by the Council, being Zoom. The Committee suggested that other online audio and web conferencing platforms also be investigated. The Committee supported the Standards Hearing Panel being held remotely over audio and web conferencing platform and was informed that should the subject member refuse that the Panel meeting could still be held in their absence. However, the subject member would be asked to respond.

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) The statistical data in relation to the number of complaints received and dealt with is noted.
- (2) Statistical data in relation to the number of complaints received and dealt with is presented to the Committee at each meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5:10 pm