

GOVERNANCE SUB COMMITTEE 1

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

1 DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT

Councillors P M Chandler (Chairman) T S Bains, P. Faulkner, J. Simpson

Monitoring Officer Solicitor to the Council & Deputy Monitoring Officer Senior Democracy Officer

GS1.10 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Holmes.

GS1.11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Governance Sub Committee 1 held on the 22 October 2015 were not available to Members of the Sub Committee therefore they were deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

Chairman's introduction

The Chairman introduced the attending Councillors and Officers.

The Chairman confirmed that the Monitoring Officer would be advising on procedural matters together with the Solicitor to the Council who was also the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of this Sub Committee was to consider the information presented in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's processes and make a decision regarding the action to be taken on each matter. The three options available to the Sub Committee were :-

- No action to be taken
- The complaint be referred for other action such as training, support, mediation
- The complaint be referred for investigation

The Sub Committee was reminded that it was not there to decide if the Code of Conduct had been breached and that normal Sub Committee rules were applicable.

Members of the Public were advised that should the Sub Committee resolve to consider any matter in private session in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Access to Information: Exempt Information), the public would be asked to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed and would be invited to return to hear the decision.

GS1.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

It was proposed, seconded and on being put to the vote, agreed that the meeting go into private session to consider the following item of business.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the Public be excluded during the consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Access to Information : Exempt Information) under paragraphs 1 and 2.

GS1.13 CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER COMPLAINT GOV 39

The Monitoring Officer submitted and presented a report (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members and it was confirmed that Members had had the opportunity to read the papers fully) which enabled the Committee to consider the complaint received regarding the conduct of a Council Member and to consider what action should be taken from the following :-

- No Action
- Other Action such as training, support, mediation
- Refer for Investigation

On the proposal to refer for investigation being put to the vote, Members were unanimously in favour therefore the motion was carried.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the complaint be referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation.

The Meeting which commenced at 2.00 p.m. closed at 2.25 p.m.