



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE 1

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

6 November 2014

PRESENT

Councillors M.C.R. Graham MBE (Chairman), G Bush, N Slater
Councillor G Botterill – Substitute for Councillor P Cumbers
Councillor E Holmes – Substitute for Councillor A Freer-Jones

Councillor J Simpson - Observer

Head of Communications and Monitoring Officer
Principal Solicitor
Senior Democracy Officer
Admin Assistant

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced the attending Councillors and Officers.

The Chair reminded the Sub Committee and advised the members of the public present that the purpose of the meeting was not to determine on bias or predetermination or a planning application but to consider if the Code of Conduct had been breached. He advised all normal Sub Committee rules applied and he stated that the Sub Committee was to consider the information put forward and make a decision regarding the action to be taken in line with the Localism Act 2011. He advised the options available were:-

- No action.
- Other action (e.g(training or mediation)
- Refer for investigation.

GS1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cumbers, Cllr Freer-Jones.

GS1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

GS1.3 CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER COMPLAINT GOV 20

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report in consideration of Complaint GOV 20 (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) and read out the

main points of the report which enabled the Committee to consider the complaint received regarding the conduct of a Council Member and to consider what action should be taken. The Monitoring Officer stated that she had sought the advice of one of the Council's Independent Persons and this was attached as Appendix F and attention was drawn to this being a revised version which had been issued to Members.

The Sub Committee considered the complaint together with the other appendices including the Independent Person's opinion at Appendix F in order to decide whether:-

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

The 7 Nolan principles contained in the Code of Conduct (Appendix C) were each considered by the Sub Committee as follows :-

Principle 1- Selflessness
All agreed not breached

Principle 2 – Integrity
All agreed not breached

Principle 3 – Objectivity
All agreed not breached

Principle 4 – Accountability
Agreed not breached

Principle 5 – Openness
Agreed not breached

Principle 6 – Honesty
Agreed not breached

Principle 7 – Leadership
Agreed not breached

The Chair reiterated the recommendations available to the Sub Committee as being No action or Other action such as training, support mediation or Refer for investigation.

The Chair proposed that no action be taken and this was seconded by Councillor Botterill and on being put to the vote, was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that no action be taken.

The Chair referred to Appendix F being inaccurate when the agenda was first circulated. It was noted it had been amended as soon as the inaccuracy came to light. On behalf of the Council the Chair apologised to Councillor Chandler for the inaccuracy and it was agreed the apology would be put on the Council's website.

The Meeting, which commenced at 10.30 am, closed at 10.45 am.

Chairman

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