

APPOINTMENTS PANEL RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held 7th June, 2024.

Present: Councillor N.P Hodges, Mr. M. Brace (Lay Member), Councillor P. King (Town and Community Council Member).

Also present: V. Davidson (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and A. Rudman (Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer).

(a) Apologies for absence -

These were received from Councillors C.A Cave, G. John and J. Protheroe.

(b) Appointment of Chair -

AGREED – T H A T Mr. M. Brace be appointed Chair for the Municipal year.

(c) Declarations of Interest –

No personal close personal associations were declared at the meeting. However, it was noted that following circulation of the agenda prior to the meeting which contained the applications, Councillor G. John had declared a personal association in respect of some of the candidates and therefore did not attend the interviews.

(d) Appointment of Independent Member to Serve on the Council's Standards Committee –

The Deputy Monitoring Officer, in presenting the report, advised on the appointment process that had been undertaken for the appointment of an Independent Member on the Standards Committee. The process of appointing an Independent Member having been approved by Full Council with the remit of the Appointments Panel being to consider applications and report any recommendations to the Standards Committee Appointments Committee.

(e) Exclusion of Press and Public –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information

as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

(f) Interview for the Appointment of an Independent Member to sit on the Council's Standards Committee (Exempt Information – Paragraphs 12, 13 and 14) –

The Panel interviewed nine applicants for the position and following the interviews the Panel subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T X be recommended to the Standards Committee Appointments Committee for appointment as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee for a term of office as required in line with relevant legislation.

Reason for decision

Having considered the applications and the suitability of applicants to demonstrate the qualities and characteristics for the position as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee.

N:B Details relating to the interviews and X (the recommended candidate) will be shared during Part II of the Agenda for the Standards Appointments Committee.