APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 18th June, 2024.

The Committee agenda is available here.

The recording of the meeting is available here.

Present: Councillors R.M. Birch, J.E. Charles and C.P. Franks.

135 ANNOUNCEMENT -

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer read the following statement: "May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing".

136 ELECTION OF CHAIR -

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor R.M. Birch be appointed Chair for the Municipal Year.

137 MINUTES -

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

No declarations of interest were received.

139 MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS PANEL RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF 7TH JUNE, 2024 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE –

The minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Panel re: Standards Committee held on 7th June, 2024 regarding the appointment of an Independent Member to serve on the Council's Standards Committee were presented for consideration.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Appointments Panel Re: Standards Committee held on 7th June, 2024 be noted and the details of the interviews be

considered in Part II of the agenda.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the confidential information contained within the minutes.

140 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves 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.

141 PART II MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS PANEL RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF 7TH JUNE, 2024 REGARDING THE INTERVIEWS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION FORMS (ATTACHED) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

The Part II Minutes of the Appointment Panel re: Standards Committee held on 7th June, 2024 were presented for consideration. The minutes advised that following two applicants withdrawing their applications, the Panel subsequently interviewed nine applicants for the position of Independent Member on the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services provided the Appointments Committee with a verbal update in respect of the interviews that had taken place in respect of each candidate.

Having considered the recommendations of the Appointments Panel re: Standards Committee of 7th June, 2024, the verbal update provided by the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the meeting and in light of the advice of the Officer regarding the decisions of the Panel, it was subsequently

RESOLVED -

- (1) T H A T Mr. G. Olphert be appointed as an Independent Member to the Standards Committee, the terms of office to be for six years respectively to commence from 18th June, 2024, subject to the submission of two appropriate references.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services in conjunction with the Chair to consider and (if deemed appropriate) approve the references received.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To fill the vacancy of Independent Member on the Standards Committee subject to references being received.
- (2) Should the references be not accepted, that a further interview process be undertaken.