

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Standards Committee held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Present:

Councillors Mrs J Killoran (Chairman), D F Fletcher, D Florence-Jukes, M Metcalfe and C Sylvester.

Officers Present:

Mrs A Wakefield (Solicitor and Monitoring Officer) and Mrs M Henschcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Also Present:

Mr Wayne Baglan (Investigating Officer), Mr G Goodall (Independent Person), Mrs A Trenergy and Mr W Qneibi (Parish Councillors).

06/20 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

07/20 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

08/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business pursuant to Rule 12.

09/20 **MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT REGARDING A COMPLAINT**

(MO) Members considered the report of the Monitoring Officer on the hearing of complaint regarding a Member conduct. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 05b Investigators Report
- Appendix 05c Response to the Investigator's Report
- Appendix 05e Additional Questions and Responses

The Chairman introduced the Members of the Committee and explained the purpose of the meeting. The Solicitor outlined the procedure to be adopted.

Councillor S Hussain attended the meeting and was accompanied by his Solicitors Ms Frances Randall and Ms Layla Zamanpour.

The complainants attended the meeting.

The Monitoring Officer advised that there were no preliminary issues to be dealt with.

The Investigating Officer described the complaint.

The Committee asked questions of the Investigation Officer.

Solicitor stated the case on behalf of Councillor Hussain, and called witnesses.

The Investigating Officer asked questions of the witnesses.

The Committee asked questions of the witnesses.

The Solicitor asked questions of Councillor Hussain.

The Committee asked questions of Councillor Hussain.

The Committee asked questions of the complainants.

The Solicitor asked questions of the complainant.

The Investigating Officer summed up the case.

The Solicitor summed up case on behalf of Councillor Hussain.

The Independent Person expressed his views.

Resolved:

- (1) That Councillor S Hussain had breached paragraphs 3.1, 3.4 and 3.9 of the Council's Code of Conduct;
- (2) That the Committee's findings in respect of Councillor S Hussain be published on the Council's website;
- (3) That the Committee report its findings to Council in respect of Councillor S Hussain to Council for information;

Chairman