



**Service Director – Legal, Governance and
Commissioning**

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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

Andrea Woodside

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Chair

Councillor Erin Hill

Councillors Attended

Councillor Martyn Bolt

Councillor Alison Munro

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Councillor Michael Watson

Attendees

Councillor Susan Lee-Richards

Apologies

Councillor James Homewood and Councillor Lesley Warner

1 Membership of the Committee

To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Homewood and Warner.

2 Minutes of Previous Meetings

To receive the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 29 March and 19 May 2021.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings held on 29 March and 19 May 2021 be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of attendees

on 19 May 2021 to indicate that Councillor Hill (Chair) and Councillor Warner were present, in place of Councillor E Firth and Councillor Lukic respectively.

3 Interests

Committee Members will be asked to advise if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion on the item or participating in a vote upon the item, or any other interests.

Councillor Bolt and Councillor Munro declared 'other' interests in Agenda Items 6, 7 and 8 in their capacities as a Member of Mirfield Town Council and Kirkburton Parish Council, respectively.

4 Deputation/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

No deputations or petitions were received.

5 Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5), the period allowed for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes. A maximum of 4 questions per person may be submitted.

No questions were received.

6 Code of Conduct complaints update

To receive a report detailing complaints received since the last Standards Committee meeting in March 2021.

Contact Officer: David Stickley – Senior Legal Officer

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

7 Cases and News Update

To receive a report setting out news and cases of interest since March 2021.

Contact Officer: David Stickley – Senior Legal Officer

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

8 Local Government Association (LGA) Model Code of Conduct

To consider recommendations about proposals in relation to the LGA Model Code of Conduct.

Contact Officer: David Stickley – Senior Legal Officer

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the proposal as set out at para. 5.1.3 of the report be endorsed and that a further report be submitted to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee with regards to the adoption of a modified version of the LGA Code of Conduct which incorporates elements of the Council's Code of Conduct.
 - 2) That, pursuant to (1) above, a report be submitted to the meeting of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on 26 November 2021 for consideration of the proposal.
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9 Update on the Appointment of Independent Persons

To consider the reappointment of the current independent person and to note the steps to appoint one further independent person.

Contact Officer: David Stickley – Senior Legal Officer

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the re-appointment of Mr Mike Stow as Independent Person for a period of two years be endorsed and that a report be submitted to the meeting of Council on 13 October 2021 proposing the reappointment.
 - 2) That the Monitoring Officer be asked to undertake a recruitment process for the appointment of a second Independent Person.
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