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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

Committee Clerk:

TEL:

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2023

Leigh Webb

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Chair

Councillor Jo Lawson

Councillors Attended

Councillor James Homewood

Councillor Harry McCarthy

Councillor Alison Munro

Attendees

Julie Muscroft, Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning

Michael Stow – Independent Person

Apologies

Councillor Mohan Sokhal and Councillor Michael Watson

1 Membership of the Committee

To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Sokhal and Councillor Watson.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10th October 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

3 Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

Councillor Munro declared an other interest.

4 Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

It was agreed that all agenda items would be held in public session.

5 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.

6 Code of Conduct complaints update

To receive a report detailing Councillor complaints received since the last Standards Committee meeting in October 2022.

Contact Officer: David Stickley – Senior Legal Officer

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report be considered and noted,
 - (ii) That Kirklees website be updated when members had complied with any sanctions,
 - (iii) That reports to the Committee include an appendix showing decisions taken through the decision-making process,
 - (iv) That a workshop be arranged to understand difficulties Officers and Members faced relating to Planning applications.
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7 Cases and News Update

To receive a report setting out news and cases of interest since October 2022.

Contact Officer: David Stickley – Senior Legal Officer

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report be received and noted,
 - (ii) That information on the size of the population of Brighton & Hove Council be provided at a future meeting.
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8 Interim update on Member-Officer workshop sessions

To receive a report on the recent Member-Officer workshop sessions.

Contact Officer: David Stickley - Senior Legal Officer

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report be considered and noted,
 - (ii) That Officer be thanked for arranging the workshops.
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