

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2022**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Sabri Ozaydin (Chair), Chris Dey (Vice-Chair), Reece Fox, Rick Jewell (Cabinet Member for Environment), Michael Rye OBE and Chinelo Anyanwu (Cabinet Member for Public Spaces, Culture and Local Economy)

OFFICERS: Clare Cade (Secretary) and Robyn McLintock (Secretary)

**1
WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chair (Cllr Sabri Ozaydin) welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

There were no apologies received.

**2
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting but Councillor Chris Dey made a declaration under item 8.

**3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 01 March 2022 were agreed.

**4
ANNUAL REPORT 21/22**

The committee received a verbal update on this item of business from the Interim Director of Law and Governance.

The Interim Director advised that there is a need to recruit a second Independent Person to help support the Monitoring Officer and the committee. The position will be advertised soon and an update provided at the next meeting.

The committee thanked the Director for the update.

**5
INDEPENDENT PERSON APPOINTMENT**

There is a need to recruit a second independent person to cover a possible conflict of interest or availability of the current independent person.

Terry Osborne will be advertising and will be updating the committee at the next meeting.

6

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Noted the dates of the future meeting as follows:

7 September 2022

20 December 2022

28 March 2023

7

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee **AGREED** in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for consideration of Item 8 listed on Part 2 of the agenda, on the grounds that it falls within the following category of exempt information as specified in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely: "Information relating to any individual".

8

UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS

The committee noted the updated list of complaints against councillors prepared by the Interim Director of Law and Governance and noted progress made on investigating those complaints.

A declaration of interest was made on this item by Councillor Chris Dey as he is named in one of the complaints in the report.

Terry Osborne suggested a 3 year review of complaints be carried out to identify patterns and trends and that an annual review of the register of interests be undertaken each year.