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COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE - 9.9.2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Claire Stewart, Glynis Vince, Elaine Hayward and Rick Jewell

OFFICERS: Jeremy Chambers (Director of Law and Governance), Melaine Daswson (Senior Regeneration Laywer), Clare Bryant (Governance Manager).

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WELCOME & APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations for interests were received.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2020 were agreed.

ACTION: Jeremy Chambers, Director of Law and Governance, to circulate minutes of the meeting on 3 March 2020 for approval by email.

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COUNCILLOR CONDUCT ANNUAL REPORT

Jeremy Chambers, Director of Law and Governance presented the Councillor Conduct Committee Annual Report. The following key points were highlighted:

- The Committee is required to produce a report annually highlighting work completed throughout the year.
- The report contains a similar amount of detail as other borough's Annual Report.
- It is important to be cautious of the level of detail provided in the report for reasons such as many complaints once they are investigated are closed.
- It was important the Annual Report was not used a "naming and shaming" document.

The Committee agreed the Councillor Conduct Committee Annual Report and noted it would go to Council on 22 September 2021.

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UPDATE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

Joan Mansfield has been appointed as one of the Council's Independent Persons for two years.

Christine Chamberlain has also agreed to continue as an Independent person until the Council's Annual Meeting in 2022.

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UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS

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 Items 1 and 2 listed on Part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

The Committee noted the update from the Director of Law and Governance on the current complaints.