

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Standards Assessment Sub Committee held online via the zoom app on 22 July 2022

Attendance list at end of document

The meeting started at 9.02 am and ended at 10.10 am

1 Election of Chair

Councillor Eleanor Rylance was elected as Chair.

2 Declarations of interest

None.

3 Confidential/exempt information

The complaint reports were agreed to be dealt with in private session on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; or that the complaint reports contain information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual as defined in paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 Complaint for assessment C03

The Assessment Sub-Committee received the report of the Monitoring Officer and discussed the case, including hearing the views of the Independent Representative, and the Town and Parish Representative. The Assessment Sub-Committee having regard to the report of the Monitoring Officer, the Local Assessment Criteria, and the views of the Independent Person, decided on the progression of the complaint as follows:

No further action in relation to the allegation relating to paragraphs 4(a) 5 (a) and 5(c); **Monitoring Officer Investigation** on the basis of paragraphs 6(b)(i) & (ii); 6.1, 7, 7.1 and 7.2 of the Code of Conduct (registering disclosable pecuniary and personal interests) and 6.2, 8.1 and 8.2 (declaring interests) of the Code of Conduct.

5 Complaint for assessment C04

The Assessment Sub-Committee received the report of the Monitoring Officer and discussed the case, including hearing the views of the Independent Representative, and the Town and Parish Representative. The Assessment Sub-Committee having regard to the report of the Monitoring Officer, the Local Assessment Criteria, and the views of the Independent Person, decided on the progression of the complaint as follows:

Other Action: Training to be undertaken by the Subject Member on the Code of Conduct, specifically on the requirements for registering interests; and in terms of appropriate behaviour in responding to others at meetings/in correspondence/on social media.

6 Complaint for assessment C05

The Assessment Sub-Committee received the report of the Monitoring Officer and discussed the case, including hearing the views of the Independent Representative, and the Town and Parish Representative. The Assessment Sub-Committee having regard to the report of the Monitoring Officer, the Local Assessment Criteria, and the views of the Independent Person, decided on the progression of the complaint as follows:

Other action: Training for the subject member, in relation to the Code of Conduct, specifically in respect of registering interests.

7 Complaint for assessment C06

The Assessment Sub-Committee received the report of the Monitoring Officer and discussed the case, including hearing the views of the Independent Representative, and the Town and Parish Representative. The Assessment Sub-Committee having regard to the report of the Monitoring Officer, the Local Assessment Criteria, and the views of the Independent Person, decided on the progression of the complaint as follows:

Other Action: Training to be undertaken by the Subject Member on the Code of Conduct, specifically on the requirements for registering interests; and in terms of appropriate behaviour in responding to others at meetings/in correspondence/on social media.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

D Barrow
J Loudoun
E Rylance (Chair)

Also present

P Coulter (Ind. Person)
M Goscomb (Ind. Representative)
P Stott (Town & Parish Representative)

Officers in attendance:

Henry Gordon Lennox, Strategic Lead Governance and Licensing (and Monitoring Officer)
Debbie Meakin, Democratic Services Officer
Anita Williams, Principal Solicitor (and Deputy Monitoring Officer)