



Committee: **The Standards Committee**
Date: **Monday 11 October 2021**
Time: **4.00 pm**
Venue **Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA**

Membership

**Councillor Simon Holland
(Chairman)**

Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Perran Moon
Councillor Bryn Williams

Councillor John Donaldson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor George Reynolds
Councillor Lucinda Wing

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to address the meeting.

4. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

5. Minutes (Pages 5 - 26)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 10 October 2012, 15 May 2013, 16 June 2014, 19 May 2015, 17 May 2016, 16 May 2017, 15 May 2018, 14 May, 2019 and 19 May 2021.

6. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

7. Appointment of Independent Persons (Pages 27 - 32)

The appendices to this report will follow as they are currently being reviewed and finalised

Report of Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer

Purpose of report

To consider and agree the proposed arrangements for the appointment of Independent Persons.

Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree to recruit Independent Persons.
- 1.2 To consider and approve the proposed arrangements for the appointment of Independent Persons as set out at paragraph 3.13.
- 1.3 To approve the Job Description and Role Profile at Appendix 1 (to follow) and if any amendments are required to delegate final approval to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.
- 1.4 To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee, to finalise the recruitment pack.

8. Monitoring Officer Report (Pages 33 - 166)

Report of Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer

Purpose of report

To give an overview from the Monitoring Officer on potential changes to the member code of conduct and an update on member Code of Conduct complaints.

Recommendations

- 1.1 To note and comment upon the contents of the report.
- 1.2 To identify if there are any other matters of ethical governance within the Terms of Reference of the Committee that the Monitoring Officer should report on to the Committee

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

Information about this Meeting

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Declarations of Interest

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