

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

18 August 2025

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Guilmant, Hobley, Jackson, Jenns, Humphreys, H Phillips, Ridley, Simpson, Singh, Turley, Whapples and A Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barnett (Substitute Councillor Hobley) and Councillor Jarvis (Substitute Councillor Simpson)

Ellen Beaty, Independent Person appointed under the Localism Act 2011, was also in attendance.

Estelle Culligan (Wilkin Chapman LLP) was in attendance to present her reports on Minute No 3 (Standards Complaints Investigations) and answer questions.

1 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

2 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Members were asked to consider, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, whether it was in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

It was proposed by Councillor Whapples and seconded by Councillor Jenns

Resolved:

That it was not in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the meeting and consideration of the report and appendices should be held in public.

There was a short adjournment of the meeting so that the report and appendices could be published on the Council's website.

3 Standards Complaints Investigation

The Monitoring Officer reported on the outcome of investigations into complaints about members of Water Orton Parish Council. It was recommended that Members agree to take no further action except for appropriate reporting, under the Council's approved "Arrangements for dealing with standards allegations under the Localism Act 2011" (the Arrangements).

Resolved:

- a That the report and its appendices be noted;**
- b That the reports be sent to the Parish Council for information;**
- c That no further action be taken on the complaints; and**
- d That the Monitoring Officer review the Arrangements and bring them back to the Standards Committee for consideration.**

C Hayfield
CHAIRMAN