

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Meeting: 18 November 2019

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Mr Stephen Clarke (Independent Member), Ms Julie Carter (Independent Member) and Mr Kieran McMahon (Independent Member).

Councillors Malcolm Allan, Brian Bagnall and Charlie Stewart.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 2 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL DISPENSATIONS

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising the Committee of applications for dispensations from requirements relating to the declarations of interests set out in the Code of Conduct which had been received from Councillors who were Members of Stockport's Mayoral Development Corporation.

The Committee was reminded that a dispensation could be granted in respect of a particular meeting or for a period not exceeding four years. In this case the dispensation was requested until November 2023 and should extend to cover all Councillors that were appointed to the Board of the Mayoral Development Corporation (either currently or in the future, up to November 2023).

RESOLVED – That dispensations be granted to Councillors Elise Wilson, Mark Hunter and Mike Hurlston for the four year period up to November 2023 to allow them to participate in items regarding the Mayoral Development Corporation at Council Meetings, the Cabinet and Council Committees and Working Parties.

6. UPDATE ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Committee following the meeting on 2 September 2019 regarding the action taken on the resolutions that were made relating to the Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life dated January 2019.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the ACA definition of Bullying and Harassment be incorporated into the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

7. COMPLAINTS ABOUT COUNCILLORS' CONDUCT DURING 2018/19

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Committee on complaints received about the conduct of Members during the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm