

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of **GOVERNANCE, ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE** held on Thursday, 16 March 2023 at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor S Swann (in the Chair)

Councillors R Flatley, C Cupit, K Gillott, L Grooby, W Major and D Muller

Officers present: Alec Dubberley (Head of Democratic and Registration Services) and Jane Lakin (Assistant Director of Legal Services).

Also present: I Orford (Independent Person)

7/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under this item the Assistant Director of Legal Services advised that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in her capacity as Monitoring Officer, had determined that a blanket dispensation should be applied to Councillors when discussing the Members' Allowances Scheme at Council and Committee meetings. This was done under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and would be in force until the day of local government elections in 2025. This would enable the Members' Allowances Scheme to be determined without Councillors falling foul of having a disclosable pecuniary interest.

8/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

To approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023.

9/23 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AGAINST COUNCILLORS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2022 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The Assistant Director of Legal Services introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of Code of Conduct complaints against Councillors received during the period of 1 October 2022 to 28 February 2023.

RESOLVED:

To note complaints received by the Monitoring Officer between 1 October 2022 and 28 February 2023 alleging that Members had breached the Code of Conduct.

10/23 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Head of Democratic and Registration Services introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of the latest report from the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), relating to member remuneration for 2023/24 in order to make recommendations to Council.

RESOLVED:

To note the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of Members' Allowances for 2022/23 and 2023/24 and recommend them to Council for approval.

The meeting finished at 11.10 am