

## **Standards Sub-Committee**

**28 February 2019**

Present: Councillor M Rankin (Chair)  
Councillors K Lee and P Mason

### **SSC14/02/19 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **SSC15/02/19 Appointment of Substitute Members**

There were no substitute members.

### **SSC16/02/19 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

### **SSC17/02/19 Exclusion Resolution**

**Resolved** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### **SSC18/02/19 Code of Conduct for Members – Complaint NT09.2018-19**

The Standards Sub-Committee received a report which presented the Investigating Officer's completed investigation into Complaint NT09.2018-19.

The Authority's Local Arrangements for the consideration of complaints made against Members under the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members at Appendix 1 to the report, required that a completed investigation report be received by the Standards Committee/Sub-Committee to determine the action to be taken with respect to the Complaint.

The final report of the Investigating Officer into Complaint NT09.2018-19 was attached at Appendix 2 to the report. The Investigating Officer had found in his report that there is inadequate evidence to support a finding that there has been a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct in relation to this complaint. In considering the report, the Standards Sub-Committee was required to consult with the Authority's Independent Persons. The Independent Persons were not in attendance but had provided written comments in advance of the meeting.

The Sub-Committee examined the Investigating Officer's report and his conclusion. Members accepted the findings of the Investigating Officer.

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**Resolved** that (1) the findings of the Investigating Officer that there is inadequate evidence to support a finding that there has been a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct in relation to Complaint NT09.2018-19 be accepted; and

(2) the Monitoring Officer be instructed to write to the Subject Member and to the Complainant to notify them both that the Sub-Committee was satisfied no further action was required and provide both with a copy of the Investigating Officer's final report.