

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Caddsdwn Business Support Cetnre, Caddsdwn Indutrial Estate, Clovelly Road,
Bideford, Devon

Wednesday, 23 June 2021 - 10.00 am

PRESENT Councillor N Laws (Chair)
 Councillor J Gubb (Vice-Chair)
 Councillors D Brenton, M Clarke, C Hawkins and D Hurley

ALSO PRESENT	S Dorey	- Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer)
	T Vanstone	- Senior Electoral & Democratic Services Officer
	K Brown	- Democratic Services Officer

Two new potential Independent Members, Mr Louis Bach and Mr Kenton Baker, were present at the meeting therefore prior to the meeting the Chair asked the Committee to introduce themselves.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Following the meeting and on return to the office an email giving apologies was received from Councillor Inch the night before.

20. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Brenton, seconded by Councillor Clarke and –

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2020 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

(Vote: For 4, Abstentions 2)

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair asked that declarations of interest be made as and when the specific agenda item to which they related was under discussion.

22. AGREEMENT OF AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II (IF APPLICABLE)

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Hawkins and -

Resolved: That the agenda, as circulated, be agreed.

(Vote: For - unanimous)

23. URGENT MATTERS OF INFORMATION TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR AND THE COMMITTEE

The Chair advised the Committee of the resignation of long-standing Parish Council Representative, Rich Clarke who had recently re-located out of the area. A replacement would need to be sought and if any Members knew of any Parish Councillors that would be interested, please make the Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) aware.

Councillor Gubb and Councillor Hurley were welcomed to the Standards Committee.

24. REVIEW OF AMENDMENTS TO BEST PRACTICE

The Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) provided the meeting with a verbal update advising that due to COVID-19 the review by Central Government had been delayed.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that this item be deferred pending a formal decision by Central Government and an update will be presented at a future meeting.

25. REVIEW OF HEARING PROCEDURES

Prior to the meeting the Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) circulated the Standards Committee hearing procedure.

During the meeting, the Licensing Sub Committee procedure was also circulated.

Following suggestion from the Chair, the Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) explained the complaints procedure for the benefit of the new Independent Members.

The procedures were noted.

26. FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan was discussed however nothing was added.

27. EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Gubb and –

Resolved:

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because of the likely disclosure of exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 and Paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

(Vote: For - unanimous)

28. PART II (CLOSED SESSION)

29. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) advised that TDC do not receive many complaints.

A verbal update was received on a complaint which will require a hearing.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Brenton and -

Resolved:

That the press and public be readmitted.

(Vote: For – unanimous)

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.20 am

Chair:

Date: