Minutes of the Standards Sub-Committee (Hearings)
13 May 2022

Present:

Dylan Price (Independent Vice-Chair in the Chair)
M.M. Attewell
J.T.F. Doran
R.A. Smith-Ainsley

In Attendance: Councillor B, Councillor B's representative, the complainant, the complaint's investigator.

536/22 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

537/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Panel considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 (information relating to any individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Panel in making its decision had regard to all circumstances and was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

538/22 Exempt Determination of Complaint against Councillor B

The Standards Sub-Committee (Hearings), having reviewed the evidence before it, **RESOLVED** that Councillor B had failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct, specifically the requirements to act solely in the public interest and promoting high standards of conduct.

Following representations from the investigator and Councillor B, the Standards Sub-Committee (Hearings) decided that it was appropriate that a private apology be issued to the complainant and that the Monitoring Officer provide Councillor B with appropriate refresher training on data protection requirements.