

ASSESSMENT SUB (STANDARDS) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 27 November 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Assessment Sub (Standards) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am

Present

Members:

Ann Holmes (Chairman)
Caroline Addy
Chris Boden
Mark Greenburgh

Independent Person:

Anju Sanehi

Officers:

Michael Cogher - Comptroller and City Solicitor
Martin Newton - Town Clerk's Department

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Having been duly proposed and seconded, it was

RESOLVED – That Ann Holmes be elected Chairman of the Sub Committee for the duration of the meeting.

2. SUB COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Sub Committee terms of reference were noted.

RECEIVED.

3. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

The complaints process, Code of Conduct and guidance were duly noted.

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4. ANY OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other urgent public business.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

After due consideration of the rationale for excluding the public and press from the Sub Committee's meetings, it was

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds

that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

6. ALLEGED BREACH OF THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT (3/18)

The Sub Committee considered the details of a complaint, made by an elected member against an elected member, under the provisions of the Code of Conduct and associated complaints procedure.

In conclusion, and after taking account of all relevant issues, Members considered that the details of the complaint had not provided sufficient evidence for the Sub Committee to conclude that a breach of the Code of Conduct had taken place, and therefore that no further action be taken in relation to the complaint. However, the Sub Committee was concerned at the relationship between ward members and of the view that these relationships could be improved. It was considered that a request should therefore be made to the Chief Commoner and the relevant Alderman, in consultation with all Ward members, to look into what steps could be taken to improve working relationships between members in the Ward.

7. ALLEGED BREACH OF THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT (4/18)

The Sub Committee considered the details of a complaint, made by a resident against two elected members, under the provisions of the Code of Conduct and associated complaints procedure.

In conclusion, and after taking account of all relevant issues, Members considered that the details of the complaint had not provided sufficient evidence for the Sub Committee to conclude that a breach of the Code of Conduct had taken place, and therefore that no further action be taken in relation to the complaint. The Sub Committee noted that as part of its decision on the previous complaint above a request would be made to the Chief Commoner and the relevant Alderman, in consultation with all Ward members, to look into what steps could be taken to improve working relationships between members in the Ward.

The meeting closed at 12.19 pm

Chairman

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