

HEARING SUB (STANDARDS) COMMITTEE

Monday, 21 May 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Hearing Sub (Standards) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Caroline Addy

Mark Greenburgh

Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark

Deputy Edward Lord

In attendance:

Neil Asten (Independent Person)

Common Councilman XX

Common Councilman XX (Adviser)

John Austin

- Investigating Officer

Jonathan Swift, QC

- On behalf of Comptroller and City Solicitor

Martin Newton

- Town Clerk's Department

Edward Wood

- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department

1. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced the rest of the Sub Committee present, explaining that Caroline Addy, a member of the Standards Committee, was replacing Deputy Kevin Everett who was unable to be present. Caroline Addy confirmed that she had received and read all relevant papers for the meeting over the weekend.

The Chairman then introduced Jonathan Swift, QC, advising the Sub Committee on any issues of law that might arise, John Austin, the Investigating Officer in this instance, Edward Wood (Comptroller's) and Martin Newton (Town Clerk's).

2. HEARING PROCEDURE

The Chairman referred to the circulated hearing procedure and it was agreed by all that the meeting would go into non-public session following discussion on this procedure. The Chairman confirmed he was unaware of any witnesses to be called, notwithstanding discussions that would take place shortly on 'preliminaries'.

3. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The content of the complaints procedure was noted.

4. **ANY OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other urgent business.

5. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

6. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE REFERRAL**

The Sub Committee then proceeded to discuss the referred allegation of a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct, considering the report of the Investigating Officer and all other relevant submissions, during which the Sub Committee adjourned and reconvened on several occasions to receive legal advice, break for lunch, and come to its decision.

The meeting closed at 4.04 pm

Chairman

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