

# Democracy and Standards Hearing Sub-Committee

A meeting of the Democracy and Standards Hearing Sub-Committee will be held in the Courtroom at the The Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 5.00 pm

## Agenda

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1.	Appointment of Chair for the meeting of the Sub-Committee
2.	Apologies
3.	Declarations of Interest
	Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest that they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
4.	To consider the findings of the Investigating Officer into an allegation that a west Northamptonshire Councillor breached the West Northamptonshire Council Code of Conduct (Pages 5 - 170)
	The Hearings Panel to consider the finding of the Investigating Officer into an allegation that a West Northamptonshire Councillor has breached the West Northamptonshire Council Code of Conduct for Members.
	Papers attached:
	Report of the Monitoring Officer (pages 5-7)
	<ul> <li>Document bundle (pages 9-170)</li> </ul>
5.	Exclusion of the Press and Public
	In respect of the following items the Chair may move the resolution set out below, on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972) would be disclosed to them: The Committee is requested to resolve: "That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the

meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act of the descriptions against each item would be disclosed to them."

Catherine Whitehead Proper Officer 16 May 2023

### **Democracy and Standards Hearing Sub-Committee Members:**

Councillor Andrew Grant Councillor Andrew Kilbride Councillor Danielle Stone Councillor Jonathan Harris Councillor Suresh Patel

### Information about this Agenda

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### **Declarations of Interest**

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