

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee**  
**Wednesday, 21 March 2018**  
**6.00pm to 7.40pm**

**Record of the meeting**

**Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee**

- Present:** Councillors: Shaw, Wicks and Wildey
- Substitutes:** Councillors:  
Mrs Josie Iles (Substitute for Kemp)  
Steve Iles (Substitute for Hicks)
- In Attendance:** Jan Guyler, Head of Legal Services/Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Wayne Hemingway, Democratic Services Officer

**871 Election of Chairman**

Councillor Wildey was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

**872 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Diane Chambers, Godwin, Hicks and Kemp.

**873 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances**

There were none.

**874 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests**

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

## **Councillor Conduct Committee, 21 March 2018**

### **875 Committee on Standards in Public Life - Consultation**

#### **Discussion:**

This report provided details of the Committee on Standards in Public Life's (CSPL) review of local government ethical standards given that robust standards and arrangements were needed to safeguard local democracy, maintain high standards of conduct, and to protect ethical practice in local government.

Members discussed the report and noted that in light of the importance of the issue and that a number of Committee members were unable to attend this meeting, that the draft response be shared with all Members prior to submission to the CSPL by 18 May 2018.

#### **Decision:**

- a) The Committee noted the Committee on Standards in Public Life's review of local government ethical standards, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- b) The Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer to prepare a response to the review and to share the proposed response with all Members prior to formal submission to the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

### **876 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

#### **Decision:**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt material relating to agenda item 6 because consideration of these matters in public would disclose information falling within paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as specified in agenda item 6, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the Committee considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **877 Screening of Complaint CCC 2018/002**

#### **Discussion:**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report which detailed a complaint received on 9 February 2018 in relation to a Medway Councillor. The Committee considered the complaint as detailed in section 3 of the report.

Additional information was tabled at the meeting in relation to the complaint.

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### **Decision:**

The Committee agreed to refer complaint CCC 2018/002 for investigation, as having completed the Medway Council screening process for Councillor Conduct complaints, the Committee considered it would not be disproportionate to investigate.

**Chairman**

**Date:**

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