



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 15th December 2022

STANDARDS AND ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

14th December 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Lindley (in the Chair)
Councillors Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Goodwin, Harness (substitute for K Swinburn), Holland and Shutt

Officers in attendance:

- Eve Richardson-Smith (Legal Team Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer))
- Rachel Marshall (Executive Member Support Officer)

SA.6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence received from Councillors Abel and K Swinburn for this meeting.

SA.7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SA.8 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The committee considered a report from the Monitoring Officer, setting out the Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct for Elected Members, for proposed adoption by the Council.

The committee raised a number of queries regarding the boundaries between councillors acting in their official capacity and their personal lives. The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised, with the committee agreeing, that Members were to always be mindful, especially on social media, of their conduct. The committee welcomed the opportunity for training on the new code to assist Members on this specific point.

Councillor Brookes raised a concern that site visits were not explicitly mentioned as they were in the current code, noting previous issues that site visits had caused. He suggested that this be included in the new code. The committee agreed with this suggestion.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the Model Code of Conduct be adopted by North East Lincolnshire Council, effective from 1st January 2023, subject to the inclusion of reference to site visits as mentioned in the current code.
2. That any future minor amendments or changes to the Code of Conduct be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.
3. That all incidental and consequential amendments to the Constitution, arising from the adoption of the Code, or any future amendments or changes to the Code, be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.10 a.m.