Corporate Governance and Standards Committee 29 March 2018

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM 8 – ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Queries have been raised about the Cllr Reeve hearing and why that does not appear on this report. The complaints against Cllr Reeve were actually received in July 2016 and were thus cited on last year's annual report to the Committee. However, this case was unique in that it took a number of months from receipt of the complaints to conclusion and therefore the gap appears to be a record of the outcome in this report (albeit the matter was ultimately heard at Full Council).

The information on the outcome is as follows:

The matter was taken to the Hearings Sub-Committee on 11 September 2017. The Sub-Committee found that the Subject Member (Cllr Reeve) had breached the code of conduct in three respects:

Para 2(1) of the Code: failure to treat others with respect;

Para 3(a) of the Code: the disclosure of confidential information; and

Para 4 of the Code: bringing the Council into disrepute.

The Sub-Committee recommended to Council that the following sanctions be applied:

- That the Subject Member be asked to apologise.
- That the Subject Member be asked to attend appropriate training on a 1-1 basis.

On 10 October 2017, the matter went before Full Council. The following sanctions were approved:

- That the Subject Member be asked to apologise.
- That the Subject Member be asked to attend appropriate training (the 1-1 element was removed).

The Subject Member has since apologised and undertaken appropriate training.

It is recognised that a number of lessons can be learned from this matter and as such the Council Solicitor & Monitoring Officer and the Democratic Services Manager will be working with the Chairman of this Committee to review the 'Arrangements for dealing with allegation of misconduct by Councillors' and the handling of confidential information and a report will come back to this Committee in due course with suggested recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS: STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

No further comments or submissions have been received from councillors or parish councils.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) UPDATE

Training for Parish Councillors - 13 March 2018

Of the 23 parish councils in the Borough, 21 were represented at the GDPR training either by parish clerks or parish councillors, or a combination of the two.

Training for Borough Councillors - 20 March 2018

A total of 24 councillors attended the GDPR training.

A private webcast of each of the training sessions was made and a link to the respective sessions has been sent to parish councils and borough councillors for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

