

At a meeting of the HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on FRIDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 2020 at 1.00 pm

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Williams and P. Wood

Also Present:-

Mr Dennis Hall, Independent Person

Councillor O'Brien

Councillor Potts

Mr David Kitson, Bevan Brittan LLP, Investigating Officer

Ms Julianne Collinson, Senior Manager of Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

Mrs Christine Tilley, Community Governance Services Team Leader, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence as all were present.

Declarations of Interest

There were declarations of interest made.

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order) 2006

The Sub-Committee considered whether to hold the hearing in public, mindful of the presumption set out in the Procedure for Hearing Complaints that hearings be held in public.

The Sub-Committee considered the Investigating Officer's comment that he had no objection to the hearing being held in public but suggested that it be held in private, with any findings of a breach then being published.

At the instance of the Chairman, it was therefore:-

1. RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order) 2006, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it contains information relating to particular individuals or information which is likely to reveal the identity of individuals (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraphs 1 and 2).

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.

Note:-

The above minute comprises only that relating to an item during which the meeting was open to members of the public.

Additional minutes in respect of other items are included in Part II.