# Minutes of a special meeting of the Standards Committee held at the New Council Chamber - Town Hall, Reigate on Tuesday, 11 July 2023 at 6.30 pm.

Present: CouncillorsP. Harp (Chair); J. C. S. Essex (Vice-

Chair), J. Dwight, J. Hudson and S. A. Kulka

Attended remotely: Councillors Lodge (Co-Opted

Member)

### 7 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Hughes (Co-opted Member for Horley Town Council).

## 8 Minutes of the previous meeting

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 6 June 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

#### 9 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 10 Appointment of Independent Persons 2023 - 2027

The Committee received a report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer regarding the appointment of Independent Persons for Standards for a four-year term ending in May 2027.

Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011 required that the Council appointed at least one Independent Person, whose views may be sought regarding any allegations of misconduct against a councillor.

Following a joint recruitment and selection process involving six other local authorities in Surrey, it was recommended that shortlisted candidates listed under Annex 1 be appointed by the Committee.

**RESOLVED** to appoint the following people to act as an Independent Person for Standards of Conduct for a four-year term of office ending in May 2027:

- Andrea Armstrong
- Bill Donnelly
- Jane Clarke
- John Smith; and,
- Vivienne Cameron.



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# 11 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

The meeting finished at 6.34 pm