

# Standards Committee

## Minutes

Wednesday, 10 August 2016 at 10:00

PRESENT:

Councillor M Coleman (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Davies, A Grey and Lawn.

Mr C Skinner (Monitoring Officer), Mr R Hodds (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mrs C Webb (Member Services Officer)

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declaration of interest declared at the meeting.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2016 were confirmed.

### **4 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

### **5 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

- 6 APPLICATION FROM A PARISH COUNCILLOR TO BE APPOINTED TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.**
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- 10 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON**

The Monitoring Officer reported that the term of office for Mr Oram, the Independent Person to the Standards Committee would expire in November 2016. The Monitoring Officer reported that Mr Oram had always given sound advice to the Committee as he had a wealth of experience as he ran his own consultancy business offering advice to a number of Local Authority Standards Committees.

The Monitoring Officer reported that a number of Local Authorities in Norfolk had worked in partnership and placed an advertisement in the press for the position of Independent Person to work across a number of Council's.

The Monitoring Officer reported that four people had responded to the advertisement and Mr Oram, was one of the respondents. Great Yarmouth Borough Council was now legally able to appoint an Independent Person as the position has been advertised.

The Monitoring Officer asked whether the Committee wished to undertake an interview process or re-appoint Mr Oram.

A Member felt that an interview process should be undertaken to ensure that the Council adhered to its transparency policy. However, the majority of Members felt that Mr Oram had always offered sound advice to the Committee and he should therefore be reappointed in November.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Committee recommend that Mr Oram be re-appointed as Independent Person to the Standards Committee for another term of office with effect from November 2016.

## **11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that there was no other business as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

The meeting ended at: 12:00