

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

2 March 2022

**Present** – Councillors Ireton (Chairman), Mercer, Metcalfe, and Whitaker.

**Independent Persons (non-voting):** John Boumphrey and Roger Millin.

**Parish Representative (non-voting):** None.

**Officers** – Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer), Solicitor to the Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) (Virtual) and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Apologies – Councillor Solloway, and Parish Representatives Councillor Balsamini and Councillor Swales.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 6.40pm

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 02 February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **Minutes for Report**

STN.394

#### **GUIDANCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Solicitor to the Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) submitted a report which invited Members to note the Guidance on Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

The Solicitor to the Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) highlighted that Craven District Council had not adopted the Model Code, but had reviewed its own Councillor Code of Conduct to ensure that it fitted the suggested criteria. Members and Independent Persons recognised that the guidance was something that could be used.

**Resolved** – That, the Guidance on Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct is noted.

STN.395

#### **A GUIDE TO COUNCIL BUSINESS AND PUBLICITY DURING THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD**

The Solicitor to the Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) submitted a report which invited Members to note the Guide to Council Business and Publicity During the Pre-Election Period.

The Solicitor to the Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) updated Members on the commencement dates of the pre-election periods and highlighted that the report was presented to Members as a reminder of the restrictions that apply during elections. The Solicitor to the Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) highlighted that this advice would be distributed to all Members and Officers. Members were pleased to hear that the Structural Order was still on course for 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and the Solicitor to the Council (Deputy

Monitoring Officer) informed Members that if this was not passed, any unscheduled elections would not go ahead.

**Resolved** – That, the Guide to Council Business and Publicity During the Pre-Election Period is noted.

STN.396

### **MONITORING REPORT**

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report which updated Members on the Code of Conduct complaints received.

The Solicitor to the Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) updated Members on complaint 2022/01, reporting that the Decision Notice had been issued on 1 March 2022 and no further action was required as the Councillor had resigned. A verbal update was given to Members.

**Resolved** – That, the Monitoring Report to date is noted.

*Chairman*