

## INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
MONITORING OFFICER	COUNCIL	6 FEBRUARY 2023	14

# DECISION NOTICE – STANDARDS HEARING AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

#### **PUBLIC ITEM**

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

Under the council's arrangements for dealing with complaints about the conduct of members, when the matter is determined by the Audit and Standards Committee, and there is a failure of a member to comply with the Code on the part of the elected member concerned, the committee determines the appropriate action. It also publishes on-line a decision notice, including a brief statement of facts, the provisions of the code engaged by the allegations, the view of the Independent Person, the reasoning of the committee and any sanction applied.

The Committee also resolved on this occasion to bring the Decision Notice to the attention of the council for information. As a result the Decision Notice is attached.

Members should note that the decision notice includes only anonymised references to the individual with whom the subject member was found to have had a close association. This is in line with legal advice on the council's data protection obligations. The person concerned is not a councillor and the investigation did not concern any allegation of wrongdoing on their part. Disclosing their name would therefore be likely to breach the council's data protection obligations in relation to their personal information. In turn, councillors must not do anything that would cause them to breach the Data Protection Act 2018 as outlined within paragraph 4.2 of the council's Code of Conduct.

#### **SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

**Monitoring Officer** 

### WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The Committee resolved to bring the Decision Notice to the attention of the council for information.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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