

Standards Sub-Committee

21 March 2016

Monday, 21 March 2016, Room 0.09, First Floor, Quadrant East, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside commencing at **10.00am.**

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1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. Appointment of Substitute Members

To be notified of the appointment of any Substitute Members.

Declarations of Interest

You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.

You are also invited to disclose any dispensations in relation to any registerable and/or non-registerable interests that have been granted tot you in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.

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[The Standards Sub-Committee agreed to not pass the following exclusion resolution and the meeting was held in public, in part, as specified by the sub-committee]

4. Exclusion Resolution

"That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act."

5. Code of Conduct for Members' and Co-opted Members – Complaint NT10/2014, NT11/2014, NT17/2014, NT20/2014 and NT19/2014

To consider a report of the Investigating Officer's completed investigation into the above Complaints in accordance with the Authority's Local Arrangements for dealing with Complaints made under the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.

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Circulated to Members of the Standards Sub-Committee comprising:

Councillor C Johnson (Chair)
Councillor P Earley
Councillor J O'Shea
Councillor P Mason
Councillor [to be confirmed]

Also circulated to:

Mr P Keith-Lucas, Investigating Officer
Mrs V Geary, Head of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer
Mr S Ballantyne, Lawyer Specialist - Governance & Employment
Mr G Clark, Independent Person
Mrs S Gardner, Independent Person