

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Standards Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City on Tuesday, 19th February, 2019 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Judi Billing, Paul Clark, Terry Tyler, Parish Councillor Helena Gregory and Mr Peter Chapman.

2 MINUTES - 20 FEBRUARY 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 20 February 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that:

- 1) in line with Council Policy, the meeting was being recorded;
- 2) in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and were required to be notified to the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item.

Members declaring a Declarable Interest, who wished to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.

- 3) there were cards in the base units of the audio equipment on the desk in front of Councillors. The cards were specifically allocated to each individual. Please do not remove them from the units.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no questions, petitions or presentation received from members of the public.

6 STANDARDS MATTERS AND RECOMMENDATION ON BEST PRACTICE CHANGES

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- i. notes the Government's response to the disqualification criteria recommendations;
- ii. notes the content of the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) report and recommendations; and
- iii. instructs the Monitoring Officer to review best practice recommendations with the Chairman and Independent Persons with a view to making appropriate changes in line with the CSPL's best practice recommendations (6 and 8).

Tuesday, 19th February, 2019

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure good governance within the Council.