

## Standards Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Standards Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Thursday, 16 June 2022 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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**Standards Committee members present:**

Councillors Catterall, Orme, Sir R Atkins and Swales

**Apologies for absence:**

Councillor Gerrard

**Failed to attend or tender their apologies for absence:**

Councillor B Birch

**Other councillors present:**

None

**Officers present:**

Jane Collier, Human Resources Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services Officer

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

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**20 Election of Chairman 2022/23**

Councillor Sue Catterall was elected as Chairman of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2022-23.

**21 Election of Vice Chairman 2022/23**

Councillor Phil Orme was elected as Vice Chairman of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2022- 23.

**22 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**23 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Standards Committee held on 11

November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **24 Appointment of Independent Persons**

The Monitoring Officer (MO) submitted a report asking the committee to:

- note the retirement of Barry Parsonage, independent person, on 30 June 2022 and thank him for his service to the council,
- note the appointment of a new independent person, Mike Nuttall, by Full Council on 12 May 2022, following the advertisement of the independent person's post,
- note the officers' recommendation to appoint David Gregson as a third independent person, which would be considered by Full Council on 7 July 2022.

### **Decision**

The members of the committee

- noted the impending retirement of Barry Parsonage on 30 June 2022, thanked him for the invaluable service he had provided to the council in the role and wished him well in his retirement,
- noted the appointment of Mike Nuttall as an independent person, as approved by Full Council on 12 May 2022,
- noted that an application for the independent person's post had also been received from David Gregson and that following interview, the MO would make a recommendation to Full Council to appoint him as the third independent person.

## **25 Members' Code of Conduct Complaints- Summary**

The MO submitted a report advising the Committee of the number and current status of complaints under the Members' Code of Conduct received since the last meeting, which had been, or were to be, considered by the MO and the Independent Person(s). A schedule summarising the complaints of alleged breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct was included as an appendix to the report.

### **Decision**

The committee

- noted the outcome of concluded complaints and the progress of those still outstanding,
- approved the new format and the content of the complaints summary,
- requested that the link to the recording of the Code of Conduct Training be circulated to councillors again,
- asked for a "practice hearing" to be held as a training session for the committee.

**26            Date of next Meeting**

The next meetings of the Standards Committee were scheduled at 6pm on Thursday 10 November 2022 and Thursday 16 March 2022 and would take place only if there was sufficient business to transact.

The meeting started at Time Not Specified and finished at Time Not Specified.

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