

CONDUCT COMMITTEE

20 OCTOBER 2015 - 12:30 PM



PRESENT: Councillor Miss S Hoy(Chairman), Councillor C Boden(Vice-Chairman), Councillor A Donnelly, Tina Gambell, Councillor M J Humphrey, Councillor D Mason, Councillor R Skoulding.

APOLOGIES: C Hawden-Beal, Councillor N Russell

Officers in attendance: Carol Pilson (Corporate Director & Monitoring Officer), Tom Lewis (Deputy Monitoring Officer), Jane Webb (Member Services & Governance Supervisor)

CND12/15 CONDUCT COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer presented the Conduct Committee Procedures Report and informed Members that following an open forum attended by members of Committee, that was also open to other members) certain minor tweaks to the conduct process had been suggested and the Committee has been asked to consider whether the suggested changes to the current process achieve the refinements suggested.

Members made comments and asked questions:

- Councillor Humphrey stated Members would have to have substantial grounds to disagree with an investigating officer and therefore Members have to give considerable weight to the investigating officer's report.
- Councillor Boden suggested the wording in the summary that currently reads "Complaint found and appropriate sanction given" be amended to state "Complaint *upheld* and appropriate sanction given". Members were happy with this amendment.

The item was proposed by Councillor Boden and seconded by Councillor Skoulding.

It was AGREED that:

- **The proposed changes to the current process be ENDORSED;**
- **The changes to be recommended to Council to allow the appropriate constitutional updates to be made.**

2:30pm

Chairman