

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**STANDARDS COMMITTEE – PANEL HEARING**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Standards Committee – Panel Hearing
held on Monday, 31st January, 2022 at 9.30 am in the Assembly Room,
Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

PRESENT:

Councillors C Hudson, C Manning and S Nash

Councillor Mrs V Spikings – Subject Member's Representative

Under Standing Order 34:In person

Councillor A Holmes
Councillor Mrs E A Nockolds

OfficersIn person

Alexa Baker, Monitoring Officer

Via Zoom

Noel Doran, Investigator's Representative
Amanda Orchard, Independent Person

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Patel

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Councillor Nash declared an interest and explained that since the meeting of 15 December information had been supplied to him which in his opinion brought into question the quality of the investigation behind the hearing. Further he received on Friday 28 January a notification from Norfolk Constabulary that at his request they would be contacting the Executive of the Borough Council to discuss one of the allegations made in relation to this case. In view of the information supplied to him independently, he was of the opinion that his position on this Panel had

been significantly comprised and his continued involvement in this hearing would be inappropriate.

Councillor Nash was advised by the Monitoring Officer to vacate the seat on the basis that he had declared an interest and to allow the meeting to be quorate she invited Councillor Holmes to take the seat.

3 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

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RESOLVED:That Councillor Hudson be appointed Chair of the Standards Committee Panel Hearing

4 **TO CONSIDER THE LOCAL INVESTIGATION AS TO AN ALLEGATION AGAINST A BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

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At the invitation of the Chair, Councillor Spikings (on behalf of Councillor Patel) addressed the Panel.

Following advice from the Monitoring Officer, Councillor Manning proposed that the hearing be adjourned, which was seconded by Councillor Holmes and agreed by the Panel.

RESOLVED:That the Panel be adjourned to allow the Monitoring Officer time to make enquiries of the Police and to await the outcome of their investigation.

The meeting closed at 9.39 am