

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
STANDARDS HEARING PANEL (STANDARDS COMMITTEE - SUB-
COMMITTEE)
THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2018

Held at 9.30 am in the Council Chamber Area B - Rushcliffe Arena

PRESENT:

Councillors R Adair, J Lungley and S Mallender

Independent Member: G Norbury

Independent Person: J Baggaley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

T Coop	Constitutional Services Officer
J Crowle	
M Elliott	Constitutional Services Team Leader
G O'Connell	Monitoring Officer

APOLOGIES:

Independent Members: A Wood

1 Appointment of Chairman

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Adair be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Local Government Act 1972 – Exclusion of the Public

It is was **RESOLVED** that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the 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.

4 Standards Complaints Hearing

The Committee considered Code of Conduct complaints against Rushcliffe Borough and Bingham Town Councillor, Sue Hull.

The hearing was conducted in accordance with the Council's procedures for hearings on Standards Matters, as amended with the

prior agreement of the complainants and Councillor Hull.

Councillor Hull attended the meeting and made representations in accordance with the procedure.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) Councillor Hull had failed to comply with the Codes of Conduct of Rushcliffe Borough Council and Bingham Town Council in respect of the following paragraphs:

“(f) you must declare any private interests, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, including your membership of any trade union, that relate to your public duties and must take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest including registering and declaring interests in a manner conforming with the procedures...”

and

(h) you must promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in your public post, in particular as characterised by the above requirements, by leadership and by example”

- b) it be noted that the panel members agreed unanimously that there was no doubt that Councillor Hull had acted with the best of intentions throughout.
- c) Councillor Hull make written apologies to both Rushcliffe Borough Council and Bingham Town Council for failing to comply with the respective Codes of Conduct.
- d) Bingham Town Council be recommended to undertake councillor training on leadership skills and Planning procedures.

The meeting closed at 10.45 am.

CHAIRMAN