



REPORT of MONITORING OFFICER

to
JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE
3 SEPTEMBER 2020

STANDARDS COMPLAINT - COUNCILLOR CHRISY MORRIS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of two investigations following complaints against Councillor Chrisy Morris.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) For the Committee to consider both investigation reports;
- (ii) For the Committee to decide if Councillor Morris has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct;
- (iii) If it is decided that Councillor Morris has breached the Code of Conduct, the Committee to consider what sanctions (if any) are to be made in light of the report.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Please see two investigation reports attached at **APPENDIX 1** and **2** to this report.
- 3.2 The Committee must decide based on the evidence before them:
- (a) That Councillor Morris has not failed to comply with the Member Code of Conduct and no further action needs to be taken in respect of the matters considered at the hearing; or
 - (b) That Councillor Morris has failed to comply with the Member Code of Conduct but that no further action needs to be taken in respect of the matters considered at the hearing; or
 - (c) That Councillor Morris has failed to comply with the Member Code of Conduct and that a sanction and/or an informal resolution should be imposed in respect of the matters considered at the hearing.

3.3 If the Committee determines that there are breaches of the Code of Conduct then it can impose one or more of the following sanctions:

1. Reporting its findings to Council for information;
2. Recommending to Council that the Member concerned be issued with a formal censure or reprimand that is posted on the website ;
3. Instructing the Monitoring Officer to arrange training for the member;
4. Recommending withdrawal facilities provided to the Member by the Council, such as a computer, website and/or email and internet access or use of offices other than for meetings;
5. Recommending to Council that he/she be removed from any Committee, Working Group or Outside Working Group.

4. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

4.1 None.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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