

**Minutes of the Appointments, Standards and Appeals
Committee**

29 April 2024 at 14:00 hours
held at Fire Service Headquarters

Present: Councillor(s) Jalil (Chair), Brackenridge (Vice-Chair), Cllr Hogarth, Cllr Kettle, Cllr Cheema, Cllr Miks

Officers: Karen Gowreesunker, Satinder Sahota, Ray Tomkinson (Independent Member) Alex Oram (CH&I Associates) Chandni Patel

07/23 **To receive apologies for absence (if any)**
No apologies received.

08/23 **Minutes of the Previous Appointments, Standards and Appeals
Committee held on 11 March 2024**

Resolved

1. That the minutes from the previous meeting held on the 11 March 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

Private Agenda

09/23 **Elected Member Breach of WMFRA Code of Conduct**

It was recommended that the meeting be moved to private sessions. This was agreed by all members.

It was recommended by Councillor Jalil to allow a 5-minute window for the elected member to join the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Miks.

The meeting recommenced at 14.09

The Monitoring Officer, Independent member and representative from CH&I Associates highlighted key findings of the report and areas where the code of conduct were breached.

It was then recommended that the committee adjourn which was seconded by Cllr Miks

Karen Gowreesunker advised 30 minutes to ensure there was sufficient time for this to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 14.41

The meeting recommenced at 15.14

It was agreed by all members that there was a clear breach of the code of conduct and the relevant recommendations and sanctions were presented.

It was agreed that a decision notice would be published setting out the applicable sanctions.

Councillor Jalil thanked CH&I Associates and Independent for their consideration. He also thanked all members.

The meeting closed at 15.55