

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 27 May 2022

- Present:** P Harper, S Morgan, J Nutley, P Sanders, P Woods
- Officers:** K Bishop, Chief Executive (National Park Officer)
N White, Head of Organisational Development (Monitoring Officer)
- Apologies:** A Cooper, P Vogel, N Tigwell
- In attendance:** C Shewan (Independent Person)

233 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 May 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 5 November 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

234 Declarations of Interest

None.

235 Public Participation

None.

236 Monitoring Officer's Update

The Head of Organisation Development (Monitoring Officer) reminded Members that, at the last meeting held on 5 November 2021, the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) informed Members that a complaint had been received regarding two of the Authority's Members and that investigations were ongoing. By way of an update, the Head of Organisational Development (Monitoring Officer) advised that the investigation found that no breach of the Code of Conduct had occurred. He added that he had provided some advice to one of the Members regarding best practice when dealing with correspondence. There were no other issues to report since the last meeting of this Committee.

237 Standards Sub-Committee Annual Report

The Chair presented the Standards Sub-Committee Annual Report. The report covers the role of Members, the Independent Persons and the

Monitoring Officer. Membership will be renewed/amended at the next Annual Authority meeting, to be held on Friday 10 June 2022.

In terms of the Authority's Independent Persons – Ms Shewan and Mr Tigwell have continued in their positions and observed all remote meetings effectively and submitted observation reports following each meeting.

238 Observation Reports

The Head of Organisational Development (Monitoring Officer) invited any comments from Ms Shewan, one of the Authority's Independent Persons.

She confirmed that she regularly completes her observation reports and provides them to the Monitoring Officer. She advised that she had no significant concerns to report with regard to Member conduct.

The Chair thanked Ms Shewan for her input, highlighting that the high levels of scrutiny are important to ensure that matters are conducted appropriately and professionally.

The Chair, and Members, wished to minute their thanks to Mr Tigwell for his work and time over the last year, and wished him a speedy recovery.

239 Next Meeting

Friday 4 November 2022.