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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **Standards Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, 15th July, 2020** in the **Virtual Meeting - Virtual Meeting at 10.30 am**

PHIL SHEARS
Managing Director

Membership:

Councillors Keeling (Chairman), Bullivant, Haines, Nuttall, Peart, L Petherick (Vice-Chair) and Dowding

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A G E N D A

Part I

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Standards Investigation** (Pages 3 - 60)

The outcome of this meeting as set out in the minutes contributed to a complaint by Cllr Daws to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman which was upheld. As requested by the Ombudsman, we publish the following statement as well as a link to the Ombudsman's Report.

Report of Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Following its investigation into a complaint by Cllr Richard Daws about Teignbridge

District Council, the Ombudsman found fault on the part of the Council which had caused injustice to the complainant.

As a result, The Standards Committee decision notice upholding the complaint that Councillor Daws breached the Code of Conduct has been withdrawn.

[A copy of the Ombudsman's Report is available.](#)

The Committee will consider the Investigator's Report regarding alleged breaches by District Cllr R Daws of the Council's Code of Conduct as follows:

- (a) Introduction by Chairman
- (b) Report summary by Investigator
- (c) Representations from Cllr Daws and questions from the Committee on:
 - (i) report sections regarding the findings of fact (including evidence from 2 out of 3 witnesses as notified by Cllr Daws regarding report paragraphs 6.8 to 6.16); and
 - (ii) whether a breach of the Code has occurred
- (d) Comments (if any) from Independent Persons
- (e) Committee adjourn (with Independent Persons) to determine whether breach occurred and only if a breach is found, which of the following available sanctions (if any) should be imposed:
 - Public censure / reprimand
 - Publish the Committee's findings
 - Recommend to full Council that Cllr Daws be removed from any committees (subject to compliance with allocation rules)
 - Training
- (f) Decision to be published within 7 days

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