

# West Suffolk Standards Committee

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **West Suffolk Standards Committee** held on **Monday 26 June 2023** at **5.00 pm** in **Room GFR-14, West Suffolk House,** Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

Present:

**Councillors**

John Augustine  
Roger Dicker  
Victor Lukaniuk  
Margaret Marks

Sara Mildmay-White  
Marilyn Sayer  
Liz Smith

**In attendance – to observe**

Andrew Smith

## 38. **Election of Chair for 2023/2024**

This being the first meeting of the West Suffolk Standards Committee since the Authority's Annual Meeting in May 2023, the Monitoring Officer opened the meeting and asked for nominations for the Chair of the Committee for 2023/2024.

Councillor Victor Lukaniuk nominated Councillor Roger Dicker and Councillor Dicker accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Roger Dicker be elected as Chair for 2023/2024.

Councillor Dicker thanked the Committee and then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## 39. **Election of Vice Chair 2023/2024**

The Chair then sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Councillor Margaret Marks nominated Councillor Sara Mildmay-White and Councillor Mildmay-White accepted the nomination.

Councillor Marilyn Sayer nominated Councillor Julia Wakelam and advised the meeting that Councillor Wakelam (who was not present) had accepted the nomination.

In light of there being two nominations for the position of Vice Chair the Monitoring Officer explained that each nomination would be voted on in turn, with each Member of the Committee only being able to vote for one of the

two, and the Member with the highest number of votes would be appointed as Vice Chair.

Upon being put to the vote:

- Councillor Sara Mildmay-White received 3 votes; and
- Councillor Julia Wakelam received 4 votes.

Accordingly, it was

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Julia Wakelam be elected as Vice Chair for 2023/2024.

40. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Julia Wakelam.

41. **Substitutes**

The following substitution was declared:

Councillor Marilyn Sayer substituting for Councillor Julia Wakelam.

42. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

43. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

44. **Public participation**

There were no questions/statements from members of the public.

45. **Standards Procedure and Committee Procedure**

Further to the pre-meeting training that had been undertaken with Members on the Standards Regime, the Monitoring Officer drew attention to the Standards Procedure and Standards Committee Procedure which had been attached to the agenda for the Committee's information.

The Monitoring Officer explained that she would be looking to review both procedures in the near future and they would be subject to a future report to the Committee for their consideration.

Discussion also took place on the annual complaints' statistical report which the Committee would consider, and potential format changes to that to ensure it was of most value.

The Chair made reference to the start time of the Committee's meetings being 5.00pm which he considered to be difficult for those Members who worked.

Accordingly, he proposed that the start time of the Committee be moved to 6.00pm and this was duly seconded by Councillor Marilyn Sayer.

Upon being put to the vote it was

**RESOLVED:**

That future meetings of the West Suffolk Standards Committee commence at 6.00pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.18 pm

**Signed by:**

**Chair**

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