

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STANDARDS HEARING COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 17TH JUNE, 2024**

PRESENT –

Mr M. Kenyon – Chair

Members of the Panel:

*Councillor N. Butterworth
Councillor D. Gallear
Councillor M. Strickland
Councillor Y. Tennant*

Also present:

*Councillor N. Ashraf
Councillor D. Cockburn-Price
Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
Councillor D. Lord
Councillor K. McGladdery
Councillor K. Salter
Councillor M. Stone
Councillor A. Sutcliffe
Councillor T. Whipp*

Officers present:

<i>S. Ward</i>	<i>Investigating Officer, MIAA</i>
<i>C. Smallman</i>	<i>Senior Anti-Fraud Manager (Investigations) MIAA</i>
<i>H. Culshaw</i>	<i>Monitoring Officer</i>
<i>E. Barker</i>	<i>Head of Legal Services</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies were received from Councillor Z. Ali.)



The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which had been called to consider two allegations that Councillor D. Whipp failed to comply with the Code of Conduct for Members adopted by Pendle Council.

He invited those present to introduce themselves. At this point Councillor D. Whipp asked for the meeting to be adjourned on the grounds of it being Eid which meant that several of his witnesses could not attend or could only be at the meeting for a short while. He also made the point that two of the Standards Hearing Committee Members had sent their apologies because of Eid (although one of them had been substituted).

In order to give due consideration to this request the Committee asked Councillor D. Whipp for the names of witnesses he intended to call to give evidence. In respect of the first complaint the Committee were informed that his witnesses would be Councillors Y. Iqbal, N. Ashraf, F. Ahmed and M. Adnan. For the second complaint his witnesses would be Councillors A. Mahmood, M.

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Hanif and T. Whipp. He would also have called Councillor Z. Ali as a witness in both cases if he had not been a member of this Committee.

Having given the request careful consideration, the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting and for it to be rescheduled when there was no doubt of people's availability.

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