

Written Responses to Supplementary Questions – V&E Sub-Committee – 11 March 2024.

Suzanne Audrey

1. Was it just a mistake that legal services didn't realise that an independent person had to be ratified by FC?

Response

The position taken by the Monitoring Officer and legal services in respect of the appointment of IPs prior to the appointment of the current IPs has been set out in responses to Public forum questions previously. In respect of the appointment of the current IPs, an initial view was given by the MO to the committee and subsequently corrected to confirm that Full Council needed to ratify the appointments made by the Monitoring Officer.

2. I've shown clear evidence that 2 deputy Mayor's have not completed the register of interests properly. What's the process for rectifying that – will it just be ignored or will they be asked to complete it?

Response

Where the Monitoring Officer is made aware of information that suggests that a councillor has not registered an interest, including where this is raised with the Monitoring Officer by a member of the Public, the Monitoring Officer will raise the matter with the councillor in question to clarify whether an interest should be registered or not and give appropriate advice. The responsibility for registering an interest sits with the Member.

Mike Oldreive

1. Withdrawn under Committee Procedure Rule CMR9.5 – under the category of offensive.
2. Are the independent members subject to the members complaints procedure?

Response.

Independent Members are referred to as Co-opted Members of the Council and are subject to the Member Code of Conduct and the Member complaints procedure.