

DORSET COUNCIL - AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE (ASSESSMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Cllrs Susan Cocking, Matthew Hall and Nocturin Lacey-Clarke

Apologies: None

Also present:

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Jonathan Mair (Corporate Director - Legal & Democratic Service Monitoring Officer) and Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

10. Election of Chairman

Councillor Lacey-Clarke was elected as Chairman for the meeting of the Sub-committee.

11. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12. Assessment Sub-committee Terms of Reference and Dorset Council Member Complaint Process

All present noted the Assessment Sub-committee Terms of Reference and Dorset Council Member Complaint process.

13. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

14. Exempt Business

Decision

That the press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

15. Code of Conduct Complaint 1

The sub-committee noted a complaint made against a number of councillors that had been received by the Monitoring Officer.

Decision

That the Monitoring Officer appoint an officer of the Council to investigate the complaint, but limited to the four named councillors who were members of the Council referred to in the complaint, at the time of the events giving rise to the complaint.

16. Code of Conduct Complaint 2

The sub-committee noted a complaint that had been received by the Monitoring Officer and considered the information that had been provided including the report of an independent person appointed by Dorset Council.

Decision

That the complainant be informed that no further action is to be taken in connection with the complaint.

17. Code of Conduct Complaint 3

The sub-committee noted a complaint that had been received by the Monitoring Officer and considered the information that had been provided including the report of an independent person appointed by Dorset Council. In addition to this complaint, an additional and related complaint had been received, which was also to be considered by the sub-committee.

Decision

That the complainants be informed that no further action is to be taken in connection with the complaints.

Duration of meeting: 1.00 - 1.27 pm

Chairman

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