

# Audit and Governance Hearing Sub- Committee

**Date:** Wednesday, 9 December 2020

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Venue:** Please note that, due to the current coronavirus pandemic the Council has reviewed its approach to holding committee meetings. This meeting will be held remotely in a Microsoft Teams Live Event (see link below)

**Membership: (Quorum 3)**  
Richard Biggs, Barry Goringe and Susan Cocking

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[Hearing Sub Committee](#)

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**Please note** that public speaking has been suspended. However Public Participation will continue by written submission only. Please see detail set out below.

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# AGENDA

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**1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman for the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest.

**4 HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DORSET COUNCIL MEMBER COMPLAINT PROCESS**

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To note the Sub-Committee's terms of reference:-

**Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committees for the consideration of Code of Conduct Issues**

- (a) The Audit and Governance Committee shall arrange that, to the extent it is called upon to determine any allegation relating to a Member Code of Code (including that of a Town Council or a Parish Council), the determination shall be made by a Sub-Committee of the Audit and Governance Committee. An Audit and Governance Sub-Committee with such responsibility may include non-Members. An Audit and Governance Sub-Committee that has non-Members forming part of it shall not have any power relating to the regulation and/or control of the finances of the Council.
- (b) Substitutes may only be appointed to an Audit and Governance Sub-Committee from the membership of the Audit and Governance Committee. There shall be no power to appoint non Member substitutes.

To note the Dorset Council Member Complaint Process (attached).

## **5 EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To move the exclusion of press and the public for the following items in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 of schedule 12A to the Local government act 1972 (as amended).

## **6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT 1** 13 - 24

To consider an exempt report by the Investigation Officer. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

## **7 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT 2** 25 - 42

To consider an exempt report by the Investigation Officer. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

## **8 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT 3** 43 - 62

To consider an exempt report by the Investigation Officer. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

## **9 URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.