



Police and Crime Panel Complaints Sub-Committee

Date: Thursday, 28 September 2023
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Room N2.6, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Cllrs: Patrick Canavan, Les Fry and Alasdair Keddie

Chief Executive: Matt Prosser, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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Agenda

Item		Pages
1.	APOLOGIES	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	MINUTES	5 - 6
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2023.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their disclosure councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.	
	If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer	

in advance of the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work, or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit either 1 question or 1 statement for each meeting. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via MS Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for the committee this will be circulated to all members of the committee in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes for the formal record but will not be read out at the meeting. **The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each meeting will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline set out below.** Further information read [Public Participation - Dorset Council](#)

All submissions must be emailed in full to elaine.tibble@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by 8.30am on Monday 25 September.

When submitting your question or statement please note that:

- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement.
- a question may include a short pre-amble to set the context.
- It must be a single question and any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
- Each question will consist of no more than 450 words, and you will be given up to 3 minutes to present your question.
- when submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g., the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
- Include your name, address, and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
- questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.
- all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

[Dorset Council Constitution](#) - Procedure Rule 9

Councillor Questions

Councillors can submit up to two valid questions at each meeting and sub divided questions count towards this total. Questions and statements received will be published as a supplement to the agenda and all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

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[Dorset Council Constitution](#) – Procedure Rule 13

5. 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 the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

6. EXEMPT BUSINESS

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in item(s) No 7 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered. (Any live streaming will end at this juncture).

Reason for taking the item in private

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to any individual.

7. Complaint Against the Police and Crime Commissioner

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POLICE AND CRIME PANEL COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023

Present: Cllrs Iain McVie (Chairman), Patrick Canavan and Les Fry

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

Marc Eyre (Service Manager for Assurance), Tony Bygrave (Senior Assurance Officer - Complaints) and Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2020 were confirmed and signed.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

3. **Public Participation**

There were no public questions or statements.

4. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

5. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Les Fry, Seconded by Mr Iain McVie

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 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

6. **Complaint Against the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Sub-committee was convened to establish whether the decision taken by the Monitoring Officer (OPCC), following a complaint from a member of the public, had been managed correctly and in accordance with the PCP Complaints Protocol.

The Sub-committee considered:

- Written communication to the complainant and PCC.
- Any written evidence of an informal resolution.
- Any further written comments from the complainant and the PCC submitted to the Sub-Committee.
- Any reasons for the IOPC referring a complaint back to the Dorset Police and Crime Panel, so that these could be challenged if required.
- Whether to invite the PCC to attend a subsequent meeting to answer questions about the complaint.

Decision:

- 1) Not to uphold the complaint.
- 2) That, with the exclusion of the timelines, the complaint had been managed correctly, with due diligence and in accordance with the Complaints Protocol.
- 3) That a letter outlining the outcome from consideration of the complaint together with lessons learnt be sent to the complainant in accordance with the 5 working day response following the meeting.
- 4) That the complaints protocol be re-drafted to ensure all PCP complaint timelines be brought in line with those of the Host Authority (Dorset Council).
- 5) That the complainant will be informed of his right to appeal to the Complaints Ombudsman if he is not satisfied with the panel decisions.

Duration of meeting: 3.20 - 4.27 pm

Chairman

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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