

# **Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 11 January 2024  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Room N2.14 - County Hall

**Members (Quorum: 3)**

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## **Agenda**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Pages</b>
<b>1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</b>	To elect a Chairman for the meeting.	
<b>2. APOLOGIES</b>	To receive any apologies for absence.	
<b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their decision 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. 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. 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.

**6. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To consider passing the following recommendation:

**Recommendation**

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) 1 and 2 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

junction).

**Reason for taking the item in private:**

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to any individual.

Paragraph 2 - Information which is likely to reveal identity of an individual.

**7. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT**

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To consider the report.