

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs Susan Cocking, Matthew Hall and Bill Pipe

**Apologies:** Cllrs

**Also present:**

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

Jonathan Mair (Corporate Director - Legal & Democratic Service Monitoring Officer) and David Northover

**1. Election of Chairman**

Councillor Pipe was elected Chairman for the meeting of the sub-committee.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Lacey-Clarke considered himself unable to take part in the meeting due to a conflict of interest and having taken legal advice, it was considered that this interest precluded him from taking any part in the meeting. Councillor Cocking took his place on the sub-committee.

**3. Urgent items**

There were no items of urgent business.

**4. 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).

**5. Code of Conduct Complaint 1**

The sub-committee noted a complaint made against a councillor that had been received by the Monitoring Officer and considered the information that had been provided including a copy of the relevant council's code of conduct.

**Decision**

That the allegations are investigated by the Monitoring Officer or a person appointed by him.

**6. Code of Conduct Complaint 2**

The sub-committee noted three complaints made against three councillors that had been received by the Monitoring Officer and considered a number of documents in relation to the complaints.

**Decision**

That the complainant be informed that no further action will be taken in relation to these three complaints.

**7. Code of Conduct Complaint 3**

The sub-committee noted a complaint made against a councillor that had been received by the Monitoring Officer and considered a number of documents in relation to the complaints.

**Decision**

That the complainant be informed that the complaint is not to be investigated and that no further action be taken in relation to the complaint.

**8. Code of Conduct Complaint 4**

The sub-committee noted a complaint made against a councillor that had been received by the Monitoring Officer and considered a number of documents in relation to the complaint.

**Decision**

1. That the complaint of a failure to disclose a pecuniary interest, in breach of the Localism Act 2011 be referred by the Monitoring Officer to Dorset Police
2. That the complainant be informed that no further action will be taken in relation to the overlapping complaint of a failure to disclose an additional interest.

**Duration of meeting:** 1.15 - 1.45 pm

**Chairman**

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