



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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2021

Present: Cllrs Rod Adkins, Mike Parkes and Bill Trite

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence

Also present: Mr M Powell, Cllr K Tippins, Mr J Thrift, Mr R Thomas, Mr M Welch and Ms E Whatley

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

Grace Evans (Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), Susan Dallison (Democratic Services Team Leader) and Jacqui Andrews (Service Manager for Democratic and Electoral Services)

27. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr W Trite, seconded by Cllr R Adkins

Decision

That Cllr M Parkes be elected as Chairman.

On being elected Chairman Cllr Parkes read out the following statement:

The Council received an email yesterday at 4.20 pm raising a concern that the correct procedure for the hearings has not been followed as the Councillors who are the subject of allegations have not been provided with the contact details of the Independent Persons for them to consult with.

This is right. Those contact details should have been given.

Therefore, today's hearings will be adjourned to give each Councillor who is the subject of allegations the opportunity to consult with the Independent Person. We will aim to arrange a new date for these hearings in February. The Clerk will write to everyone shortly with details of a new hearing date and the Councillors will be provided with the details of the Independent Persons.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the adjournment but we want to ensure the correct procedure is followed and be fair to everyone.

Duration of meeting: 11.00 - 11.02 am

Chairman

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