

Audit & Governance Hearing Subcommittee

Date: Friday, 26 February 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: MS Teams Meeting

Membership: (Quorum 3)

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1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

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To receive the minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2020 and 2 February 2021.

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

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:

[CLICK HERE](#)

- 5 SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT AND BULLYING AND HARASSMENT POLICY 11 - 26**

WITNESS STATEMENTS

The opinions expressed within witness statements on this agenda are the witnesses own opinions and do not reflect the view of Dorset Council.

- 6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT HEARING 1 08/20 27 - 80**

Documents attached:

Complaint

Report by the Investigating Officer

Shaftesbury Town Council minutes 18 February 2020

Email chain relating to complaints 08/20, 013/20, 023/20

- 7 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT HEARING 2 - 013/20 81 - 144**

Documents attached:

Complaint by Cllr M Welch;

Report by Investigating Officer;

Email from Cllr Welch dated 04/06/20;

Apology from Cllr K Tippins;

Email chain relating to complaints 08/20; 013/20 and 023/20;

Affidavit regarding the actions of Cllr A Hollingshead in baiting and bullying Cllr Mrs K Tippins;

Witness statement from Mr R Thomas.

- 8 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT HEARING 3 - 023/20 145 - 196**

Documents attached:

Complaint by Mr J Thrift;

Report by the Investigating Officer;

Email chain relating to complaints 08/20; 013/20; 023/20.

- 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.

- 10 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).

