

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE (ASSESSMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022

Present: Cllrs Matthew Hall, Susan Cocking and Barry Goringe

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

Jacqui Andrews (Service Manager for Democratic and Electoral Services)

30. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr S Cocking, seconded by Cllr B Goringe

Decision

That Cllr M Hall be elected Chairman.

31. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

32. Assessment Sub-committee Terms of Reference and Dorset Council Member Complaints Process

The terms of reference of the Assessment Sub-committee and the Dorset Council Member Complaint process were noted.

33. Urgent items

There was one item of urgent business which had been accepted by the Chairman as the complaint related to the same subject matter and Town Council as a complaint already on the agenda for consideration by the Assessment Sub-committee.

34. 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 paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

35. Code of Conduct Complaints

Code of Conduct Complaint 1

The Sub-committee considered the details of a complaint that had been submitted to Dorset Council in accordance with the Member Complaint Process. Members considered all of the information that had been provided including the report of an independent person appointed by Dorset Council.

Decision – unanimous

That the complaint be referred for a full investigation in accordance with Dorset Council's Member Complaints Process.

Code of Conduct Complaint 2

The Sub-committee considered the details of a complaint that had been submitted to Dorset Council in accordance with the Member Complaint Process. Members considered all of the information that had been provided including the report of an independent person appointed by Dorset Council.

Decision

That the complainant be informed that no further action to be taken in connection with the complaint.

Code of Conduct Complaint 3

The Sub-committee considered the details of a complaint that had been submitted to Dorset Council in accordance with the Member Complaint Process. Members considered all of the information that had been provided including the report of an independent person appointed by Dorset Council.

Decision

- (a) That the complainant be informed that no further action to be taken in connection with the complaint.
- (b) That the complaint be advised to complain direct to the Town Council under the council's own complaints policy.

Code of Conduct Complaint 4

The Sub-committee considered the details of a complaint that had been submitted to Dorset Council in accordance with the Member Complaint Process. Members considered all of the information that had been provided including the report of an independent person appointed by Dorset Council.

Decision

That the complainant be informed that no further action to be taken in connection with the complaint.

Code of Conduct Complaint 5 – urgent item

The Sub-committee considered the details of a complaint that had been submitted to Dorset Council in accordance with the Member Complaint Process. Members considered all of the information that had been provided including the report of an independent person appointed by Dorset Council.

Decision

That the complainant be informed that no further action to be taken in connection with the complaint.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.46 am

Chairman

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