

**POLICE AND CRIME PANEL COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Present:** Cllrs: Patrick Canavan, Les Fry, Alasdair Keddie and Dr Liz Mytton

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

Tony Bygrave (Senior Assurance Officer - Complaints), Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Adam Harrold (OPCC Director of Operations)

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

Marc Eyre (Service Manager for Assurance)

**7. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received at the meeting.

**8. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Proposed by Cllr Canavan, seconded by Cllr Keddie.

**Decision: that Cllr Les Fry be appointed as Chairman for the PCP Complaints sub-committee.**

Proposed by Dr Mytton, seconded by Cllr Fry.

**Decision: that Cllr Patrick Canavan be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the PCP Complaints sub-committee.**

**9. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2023 were confirmed and signed.

**10. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

**11. Public Participation**

There were no statements or questions from Town and Parish Councils or the public at the meeting:

**12. Urgent items**

There was no urgent business.

13. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Keddie, seconded by Cllr Fry

**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 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).**

14. **Complaint Against the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Service Manager for Assurance outlined the description and background of the complaint together with the action taken to date and the legislative framework.

Following an initial discussion, the sub-committee invited the OPCC Director of Operations to join the meeting to clarify a number of issues and to respond to a number of questions.

The sub-committee had been convened to consider whether:

- i) The complaint should be escalated to the IOPC; and
- ii) Further contact from the complainant relating to the complaint and the manner in which it was handled, including any Freedom of Information requests, should be managed in line with the Dorset Council “Unreasonable Behaviour” protocol.

**Decision: that no further action was necessary and that it would not be appropriate for the sub-committee to escalate this complaint to the IOPC.**

**The sub-committee felt the matter was closed and would not consider any further correspondence relating to the complaint or the handling of the complaint, including any FOI requests.**

**Duration of meeting:** 2.00 - 3.11 pm

**Chairman**

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