

# **Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee**

**Date:** Monday, 4 March 2024  
**Time:** 11.00 am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

**Members (Quorum ) 3**

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## **Agenda**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Pages</b>
<b>1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</b>	To elect a Chairman for the meeting.	
<b>2. APOLOGIES</b>	To receive any apologies for absence.	
<b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their decision councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.	
	If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer	

in advance of the meeting.

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

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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 (attached).

**5. 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.

**6. 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).

**7. Code of Conduct Complaint no. 1 commencing at 11.00am**

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*Para 1*

To consider a Code of Conduct Complaint.

**8. Code of Conduct Complaint no 2 commencing at 2.00pm**

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*Para 1*

To consider a Code of Conduct Complaint.

