



Police and Crime Panel Complaints Sub-Committee

Date: Friday, 6 February 2026
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Room 3, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Louise Bown, Patrick Canavan, David Flagg, Simon Gibson, Louie O'Leary, Karen Rampton, Ben Sargeaunt, Peter Sidaway, Sarah Williams and Carl Woode

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Agenda

Item		Pages
1.	ELECTION OF CHAIR To elect a Chair for the meeting.	
2.	APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence.	
3.	MINUTES To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 th September 2023.	3 - 4
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	

To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their disclosure 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.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive questions or statements on the business of the committee from town and parish councils and members of the public.

6. 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 the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

7. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item 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).

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.

8. Complaint Against the Police and Crime Commissioner
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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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By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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