

**DORSET COUNCIL  
DECISION NOTICE**

Complaint Reference: 2  
Subject Member: Cllr P Hanson Graham  
Date of Hearing: 7 July 2021  
Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee

**1. Summary of the Complaint**

The Complainant alleged that Cllr P Hanson Graham had breached the Ferndown Town Council Member Code of Conduct in respect of bullying, offensive behaviour and a failure to show respect.

**2. The Conduct of the Hearing**

The conduct of the hearing is as detailed in the Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee minutes, a copy of which are appended to (and forms part of) this Decision Notice.

**3. The Hearing Sub-Committee's Decisions**

3.1 The Hearing Sub-Committee's decisions are detailed in the appended minutes. However, the Hearing Sub-Committee's key conclusions are also set out below.

3.2 Members of the Sub-committee having heard all of the views during the hearing and having read all the papers and taken account of the view of the Independent Person reached a decision to agree with the recommendations of the Investigating Officer and find that there has not been a breach of the code, as there was insufficient evidence to show a breach.

3.3 The Sub-Committee did not disbelieve the concerns raised by Cllr Lugg and the content of the complaint has given the Sub-Committee wider concerns regarding Ferndown Town Council which will be raised with the Monitoring Officer.

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Jonathan Mair  
Monitoring Officer

Right of Appeal: There is no right of appeal against the decision of the Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee.