

**DORSET COUNCIL
DECISION NOTICE**

Date of Hearing: 18 August 2022
Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee

1. The Hearing Sub-Committee's Decisions

- 1.1 The Hearing Sub-Committee's decision is detailed in the appended minutes. However, the Hearing Sub-Committee's key conclusion is also set out below.
- 1.2 Having heard, in exempt session, the submissions from the Investigating Officer, the representative of the councillor and the relevant points of process, lawfulness and fairness, having considered relevant papers and the views of the independent person, the sub-committee concluded that it was not appropriate or possible to continue with the code of conduct complaint to a full hearing.
- 1.3 Accordingly, the code of conduct complaint was dismissed without hearing or any finding on the substantive points of complaint.
- 1.4 Although the hearing could not proceed and the sub-committee dismissed the complaint without finding, it had a number of concerns arising from the submissions to raise with the monitoring officer for attention.

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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.