DORSET COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE

Complaint Reference: 1

Subject Member: Cllr D Tooke Date of Hearing: 24 October 2022

Audit and Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee

1. Summary of the Complaint

The Complainants alleged that Cllr D Tooke had breached the Dorset Council Code of Conduct in respect of aggressive, rude, discourteous, impolite and disrespectful behaviour to councillors and an officer at a Planning Webinar on 25th May 2022.

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.

Jonathan Mair

Monitoring Officer

Right of Appeal: There is no right of appeal against the decision of the Audit and

Governance (Hearing) Sub-Committee.