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AT A MEETING of the Conduct Advisory Panel - Assessment Panel of  
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on  
Thursday 1 February 2024

Chairman:

\* Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee

\* Councillor David Drew

\* Councillor Gavin James

\* In attendance

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Becky Atwood, Independent Person

## 1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Kemp-Gee was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

## 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Members were present and no apologies were noted.

## 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Councillor Drew declared a personal interest that he knew both Members whose conduct was under consideration at this meeting, however did not consider this a close enough association to affect his judgement in either case.

## 4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Conduct Advisory Panel Assessment Panel were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## 5. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to any individual which should not be disclosed for the reasons set out in the report.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Exempt Minutes of the last meeting of the Conduct Advisory Panel Assessment Panel were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**7. COMPLAINT 1 - MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - CONSIDERATION OF MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT (EXEMPT)**

The Assessment Panel considered the report of the Monitoring Officer regarding a potential breach of the Code of Conduct. Taking into account the content of the report and the views of the Independent Person, and noting the options available to the Panel, it was

RESOLVED:

That the complaint against a Member of the County Council as set out in the report, be referred to the Monitoring Officer for other action as follows:

- The Monitoring Officer shall arrange to meet with the Councillor concerned to discuss aspects relevant to the complaint.
- That such meeting take place by 1 March 2024.

In the event that the Member does not co-operate with the referral by the Panel for 'other action' that the Panel be reconvened to consider other options.

[Summary of an exempt minute]

**8. COMPLAINT 2 - MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - CONSIDERATION OF MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT (EXEMPT)**

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9. **COMPLAINT 3 - MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - CONSIDERATION OF MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT (EXEMPT)**

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