

AT A MEETING of the Conduct Advisory Panel of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL held at the castle, Winchester on Friday, 1st December, 2017

Chairman:

* Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee

* Councillor Keith Evans
* Councillor Adam Carew
Councillor Peter Chegwyn
* Councillor Andrew Gibson
* Councillor Keith House

* Councillor Gavin James
Councillor Peter Latham
* Councillor Tom Thacker
* Councillor Rhydian Vaughan

*Present

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Latham.

8. 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 Non-Pecuniary Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 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.

9. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

11. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

12. **AMENDMENT OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 REQUIRING A CHANGE TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ASSESSMENT, INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION OF COMPLAINTS OF BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Transformation and Governance (Item 6 in the Minute Book) seeking approval for a change to the County Council's arrangements for the assessment, investigation and determination of complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members of the County Council (the Arrangements) in consequence of an amendment to the Localism Act 2011, requiring that specific provision is made concerning the handling of complaints against the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire in his capacity as a Co-opted Member of the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Head of Law and Governance took Members through the report and highlighted the amendments to the Arrangements as set out in Appendix 1 of the report. Members noted the complaint process, and it was explained that such complaints would be referred to the Police and Crime Panel for consideration first, before the County Council determined whether the Code of Conduct for Members had been breached. The Head of Law and Governance reported that the process would be conducted in a timely manner, and Members were content with the recommendation.

RESOLVED:

That the Conduct Advisory Panel approve the revised arrangements in respect of the assessment, investigation and determination of complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct for Members contained at Appendix 1 to this report.

Chairman,