

AT A MEETING of the CONDUCT ADVISORY PANEL OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on 22 June 2016.

**PRESENT:**

Chairman:  
p Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee

Councillors:

p Peter Chegwyn	a Chris Lagdon
p Keith Evans	a Peter Latham
p Jane Frankum	p Frank Pearce
a Andrew Gibson	p Tom Thacker
p Keith House	

p Councillor Patricia Stallard attending as the Conservative Group Substitute Member.

**22. BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast this meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording broadcasting purposes.

**23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrew Gibson and Peter Latham.

**24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore, all Members with a Non-Pecuniary Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5 Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

**25. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**26. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and reported that although the Panel had not been required to meet since late 2014 to transact formal business, the routine

work of the Panel in dealing with a number of complaints about Members in regard to the Code of Conduct Members had continued with the assistance of the Independent Members. It was noted that none of the complaints had progressed past Stage I of the process.

## 27. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – DISPENSATIONS**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Transformation & Governance (Item 5 in the Minute Book) seeking approval to renew a number of dispensations granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of participation and voting in Meetings in cases where Members or Co-opted Members of the County Council have a disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI).

In presenting the report the Head of Law & Governance confirmed that there were general dispensations expiring in September 2016, as set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of the report and two specific dispensations (Officer Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board and a Co-opted Member of the River Hamble Harbour Board) both of which expire on 1 May 2017. In order to ensure that a consistent approach is applied going forward to the renewal of dispensations which currently expire at different times, the Head of Law & Governance reported that it was recommended that the existing dispensations be renewed to expire on 31 July 2017. This timeline takes into account the County Council's Elections in May 2017 and subsequent Annual General Meeting to make appointments to committees and panels, and allows a reasonable period within which co-opted appointments can also be made.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Conduct Advisory Panel grant the following dispensations:

- a) A dispensation under Sections 33(2)(a) and (d) of the Localism Act expiring on 31 July 2017 to all Members of the County Council from the provisions of Sections 31(4)(a) and (b) of the Localism Act enabling all Members of the County Council to participate and vote in any business of the County Council relating to the setting of the Council Tax or Precepts, when they would otherwise be prevented from doing so in consequence of a beneficial interest in land within the administrative area of Hampshire.
- b) A dispensation under Sections 32(2)(a) and (d) of the Localism Act expiring on 31 July 2017 to all Members and Co-opted Members of the County Council in receipt of an allowance under the Hampshire County Council Members' Allowances Scheme or Members' Allowances Scheme of another relevant Authority from the provisions of Sections 31(4)(a) and (b) of the Localism Act enabling all Members and Co-opted Members of the County Council to participate and vote in any business of the County Council where they may otherwise be prevented from doing so in consequence of being in receipt of a Members' Allowance.