

AT A MEETING of the CONDUCT ADVISORY PANEL OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on 20 October 2014.

PRESENT:

Chairman:

p Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee

Councillors:

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

p Ann Briggs (d) on behalf of Peter Latham

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Ray Finch, Councillor Andrew Gibson, Councillor Keith House and Councillor Peter Latham.

17. 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.

18. MINUTES

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

It was noted that since the previous meeting, the agreed protocol for convening a sub-committee had been successfully implemented.

19. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made on this occasion.

20. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – DISPENSATION FOR MEMBER OF THE RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD

Cllr Keith Evans, declared a personal interest as Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Board. Cllr's Frank Pearce and Peter Chegwyn declared interests as Full and Deputy Members (respectively) on River Hamble Harbour Management Committee.

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Corporate Governance (Item 5 in the Minute Book) regarding a dispensation for a Member of the River Hamble Harbour Board.

It was confirmed that the Board had been set up to include members who had an interest and experience of the river, and that it was essential that such skills and knowledge was utilised in the running of the Board. It was confirmed that the interest in question would not have been a prejudicial interest under the old system, but the introduction of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests by the Localism Act now meant there was an interest and therefore a need for dispensation.

RESOLVED:

A dispensation expiring on 1 May 2017 to Mr Moody enabling him to fully participate and vote in any business of the Hamble River Harbour Board when he would otherwise be prevented from doing so by virtue of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest arising from the honorarium he receives from the Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association was granted, under Section 33(2) (c) of the Localism Act.

21. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATION – CONVENING OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Corporate Governance (Item 6 in the Minute Book) concerning a dispensation regarding the convening of sub-committees.

It was confirmed that where there were routine applications to be considered, it was proposed that a sub-committee be convened to approve these, which could be organised the same way as the assessment panel. (Two majority Members - with the Chairman generally being one of the majority Members - and one minority Member, on a rotational basis).

RESOLVED:

a) Delegated authority was agreed to be given by the Conduct Advisory Panel to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Conduct Advisory Panel to establish a protocol for the formation of sub-committees of Members of the Conduct Advisory Panel to deal with routine applications for dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

b) That where a sub-committee is required, delegated authority be given to the

Monitoring Officer to convene, in consultation with the Chairman of the Conduct Advisory Panel, such sub-committee in accordance with the agreed protocol.