

At a meeting of the HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY STANDARDS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION SUB-COMMITTEE held at Hampshire County Council, 24 July 2015.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Chris Carter, Robin McIntosh and Phil Smith

**1. APOLOGIES**

All Members were in attendance.

**2. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

Councillor McIntosh was nominated and duly appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the meeting.

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful of their duty to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest was not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and their ability to disclose any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any such matter that they might have wished to disclose.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

No deputation requests had been received.

**5. INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGATION OF A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Consideration Sub-Committee received a report of the Clerk, setting out the role and remit of a Consideration Sub-Committee and identifying the possible findings it could reach with reference to the HFRA Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of a Complaint that a Member has failed to Comply with the Members' Code of Conduct ("the Arrangements") for dealing with a complaint against a Member. It was noted that the investigating officer's report was an exempt appendix to this item.

**6. EXCUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That in relation to the following item the 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 during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the

circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

**7. INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGATION OF A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT (EXEMPT APPENDIX)**

The Consideration Sub-Committee considered the report of the investigating officer into a complaint against a Member (Exempt appendix to item 4 in the Minute Book). The reasoning and findings of the report were considered with reference to the role and remit of the Consideration Sub-Committee and the options open to it as previously set out (Minute 5 refers). The Consideration Sub-Committee reached a decision on each of the alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct and instructed the Clerk to make appropriate arrangements to implement these decisions in accordance with paragraph 6 (Next Steps) of the report received above.

(Summary of an Exempt Minute)