



Norfolk County Council
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Standards Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committee

Date: Thursday 15 March 2012

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Mezzanine 1, County Hall

Membership:

Mr R Bearman
Mr J Goodey
Mr S Revell

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A g e n d a

1. Apologies for absence

2. Chairman: To appoint a Chairman for the meeting

Members are reminded that the Chairman must be selected from the Independent Members present

3. Members to Declare any Interests

Please indicate whether the interest is a personal one only or one which is prejudicial. A declaration of a personal interest should indicate the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. In the case of a personal interest, the member may speak and vote on the matter. Please note that if you are exempt from declaring a personal interest because it arises solely from your position on a body to which you were nominated by the County Council or a body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority), you need only declare your interest if and when you intend to speak on a matter.

If a prejudicial interest is declared, the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed unless members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, in which case you may attend the meeting for that purpose. You must immediately leave the room when you have finished or the meeting decides you have finished, if earlier.

4. Minutes

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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 December 2011

5. Exclusion of the Public

The following information can not be disclosed by law (Reg 12 2008 Regs and S63 LGA 2000) Section 100A(2) LGA 1972

6. Minutes

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To approve the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 22 December 2011

7. Consideration of Investigator's Report

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Report by Head of Law and Monitoring Officer

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STANDARDS CONSIDERATION AND HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 2011
COUNTY HALL at 10.00 am**

Present:-

Mr R Bearman
Mrs L Cuneen
Mr S Revell

Also Present:

Ms V McNeill –Head of Law and Monitoring Officer
Mrs S Farrell – Democratic Support Manager
Mr K Hounsome – Independent Investigator

1. Apologies:-

There were none.

2. Election of Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Mr Revell be elected Chairman and members accordingly:

RESOLVED that Mr Revell be elected Chairman for this Sub-Committee meeting.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. Exclusion of the Public

The meeting was advised that, with regard to agenda item 5, there was no requirement to consider the item under the public interest test as it was not a qualified exemption but an absolute exemption under Section 63 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the information contained in the report was confidential.

There were no members of the public present to be excluded from the meeting.

6. Excluded Minutes

The excluded minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

7. Agenda Item 5, Consideration of Investigator's Report

- 7.1 The Chairman and Sub-Committee members considered the Investigator's report and listened to the relevant extract from the sound recording of the Council meeting on 26 September 2011. After some discussion the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED:

That the Sub Committee were unconvinced that the conduct fell short of the threshold for a breach of the Code of Conduct, having regard to the Code of Conduct itself and to the Standards for England guidance, and therefore that the Investigator's finding and conclusion be rejected and the Sub-Committee requested the Monitoring Officer to make arrangements for a hearing of the complaint in front of the Standards Committee.

The meeting finished at 11:35 pm

CHAIRMAN