

Medway Council
Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee
Tuesday, 13 November 2012
6.00pm to 6.12pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present: Councillors: Griffiths, Hicks, Kemp, O'Brien, Shaw, Smith and Tolhurst

Substitutes: Councillors:
Avey (substitute for Councillor Adrian Gulvin)

In Attendance: Perry Holmes, Monitoring Officer
Teri Reynolds, Democratic Services Officer

539 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 18 September 2012 which was agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct, subject to the following change at minute number 383: -

- The words, "where may affect so many Councillors that the Council or Committee would be inquorate", were removed from the first paragraph;
- The words, "and it considered granting the dispensation was in the interests of persons living in the area", were added to the end of the decision.

The Monitoring Officer also reported verbally that having considered the issue of developing a *de minimis* threshold further in relation to dispensations, he did not advise the committee to pursue the concept of a formal *de minimis* rule for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

540 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Adrian Gulvin.

541 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

The Chairman announced that an additional complaint had been received and he had accepted this as an urgent item to avoid unnecessary delay in considering the complaint.

542 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

543 Exclusion of the press and public

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt material relating to agenda items 6 and 7 because consideration of these matters in public would disclose information falling within Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as specified in agenda item 5, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the Committee considers that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

544 Assessment of complaint - CCC/001/12

Discussion:

The committee considered complaint CCC/001/12 received by the Monitoring Officer on 12 October 2012.

Decision:

The committee decided to take no further action.

545 Assessment of complaint - CCC/002/12

Discussion:

The Committee considered complaint CCC/002/12 which was received by the Monitoring Officer on 6 November 2012.

Decision:

The Committee decided to take no further action.

Chairman

Date:

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