

Medway Council
Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee
Wednesday, 12 December 2018
6.00pm to 6.14pm

Record of the meeting

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

- Present:** Councillors: Carr, Mrs Diane Chambers, Godwin, Hicks
(Chairman), Shaw and Wicks
- Substitutes:** Councillors:
Griffin (Substitute for Wildey)
Gulvin (Substitute for Kemp)
- In Attendance:** Jan Guylar, Head of Legal Services, Local Land Charges and
Licensing/Deputy Monitoring Officer
Teri Reynolds, Democratic Services Officer

616 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kemp and Wildey.

617 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 7 November 2018 was agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

618 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

619 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

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Other interests

Councillor Gulvin declared an interest in relation to item 5 (Request for Dispensation) as he was also a Cabinet Member and he had responsibility for Joint Ventures listed within his portfolio. However, this did not prevent him from taking part in the discussion and decision of this item.

620 Request for Dispensation

Discussion:

The Deputy Monitoring Officer introduced the report which informed the Committee of a dispensation that had been granted by the Monitoring Officer using his delegation at Section 6.17 of the Employee Delegation Scheme within the Council's Constitution. The delegation provided the Monitoring Officer with the ability to grant dispensations where the timing of a request would make it impractical to convene a meeting of the Councillor Conduct Committee.

Decision:

The Committee noted that the Monitoring Officer had granted a dispensation until 28 June 2019 to Councillor Doe for the reasons set out in section 4 of the report to allow participation in debate and/or to vote on any item at Cabinet, Council and any other Committee meeting of the Council (except regulatory committees) in which he has an other significant interest in relation to his position as Director of Medway Commercial Group Limited.

621 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 item 7 (Screening of complaint CCC/2018/006) 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 6 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.

622 Screening of Complaint CCC/2018/006

Discussion

The Deputy Monitoring officer introduced a report which detailed a complaint received on 19 October 2018 relating to a Medway Councillor. The Committee considered the complaint as detailed in section 2 of the report along with the full complaint submission and additional evidence, which were appended to the report.

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Decision:

The Committee agreed to take no further action in relation to complaint CCC/2018/006, as having completed the Screening Process, the Committee determined that based on the evidence provided, the Councillor had not breached the Member Code of Conduct.

Chairman

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