

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee**  
**Wednesday, 15 April 2020**  
**6.00pm to 6.23pm**

**Record of the meeting**

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

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs Diane Chambers (Chairman), McDonald and Tranter

**Substitutes:** None.

**In Attendance:** Perry Holmes, Chief Legal Officer/Monitoring Officer  
Jon Pitt, Democratic Services Officer

**789 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence. Due to social distancing requirements, it had been agreed that the meeting would take place with a quorum of three Committee Members present.

**790 Record of meeting**

**Discussion**

In relation to the screening of Complaint CCC/2019/002, that had been considered by the Committee on 22 January 2020, the Committee expressed concern that no letter of apology had been sent by the subject member to the fourth complainant, particularly as the Committee had previously expressed a view that an apology should be provided.

**Decision**

The Committee:

- i) Agreed that the record of the meeting held on 22 January 2020 be signed by the Chairman as correct.
- ii) In relation to the screening of Complaint CCC/2019/002, requested that the Monitoring Officer express to the relevant political Group Leader, the Committee's disappointment that no letter of apology had been sent to the fourth complainant.

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### 791 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

### 792 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

#### Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

#### Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

#### Other interests

There were none.

### 793 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 items 6 and 7, 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.

### 794 Screening of Complaint CCC/2020/001

#### **Discussion**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report which detailed a complaint received on 14 February 2020 relating to two Medway Councillors. The Committee considered the complaint as detailed in section 2 of the report, along with the full complaint submissions, which were appended to the report.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:

- i) Agreed to take no further action in relation to the first Medway Councillor, who was the subject of complaint CCC/2020/001, as having completed the Screening Process, the Committee determined that the complaint related to activity that had occurred more than six months ago and that there were no exceptional circumstances that would warrant it being investigated.

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- i) Agreed to take no further action in relation to the second Medway Councillor, who was the subject of complaint CCC/2020/001, as having completed the Screening Process, the Committee determined that there was no evidence that the Councillor had failed or may have failed to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.

### **795 Screening of Complaint CCC/2020/002**

#### **Discussion**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report which detailed a complaint received on 17 March 2020 relating to a Parish Councillor. The Committee considered the complaint as detailed in section 2 of the report, along with the full complaint submissions, which were appended to the report.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to take no further action in relation to complaint CCC/2020/002, as having completed the Screening Process, the Committee determined that on the basis of the information provided, the Committee saw no evidence of any action that suggested that the Parish Councillor had failed or may have failed to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.

#### **Chairman**

**Date:**

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