

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee**  
**Wednesday, 5 August 2020**  
**6.00pm to 6.35pm**

**Record of the meeting**

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

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

**In Attendance:** Jan Guylor, Head of Legal Services, Local Land Charges and Licensing/Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Perry Holmes, Chief Legal Officer/Monitoring Officer  
Ellen Wright, Democratic Services Officer

**148 Election of Chairman**

**Decision:**

Councillor Mrs Diane Chambers was appointed Chairman for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

**149 Election of Vice-Chairman**

**Decision:**

Councillor Kemp was appointed Vice Chairman for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

**150 Apologies for absence**

During this period, due the Coronavirus pandemic, it was informally agreed between the two political groups to run Medway Council meetings with a reduced number of participants. This was to reduce risk, comply with Government guidance and enable more efficient meetings. Therefore, the apologies given reflects that informal agreement of reduced participants.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howcroft-Scott, Kemp, Potter, Price and Tranter.

**151 Record of meeting**

The record of the meeting held on 15 April 2020 was approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**152 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances**

There were none.

**153 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.

**154 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 8 because consideration of this matter 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 7, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the Committee considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**155 Screening of complaint CCC/2020/003**

**Discussion**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report which detailed a complaint received on 6 July 2020 relating to a Medway 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 the Medway Councillor, who was the subject of complaint CCC/2020/003, 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.

## **Councillor Conduct Committee, 5 August 2020**

**Chairman**

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