

AT A MEETING of the CONDUCT ADVISORY PANEL IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on 2 October 2013.

PRESENT:

Chairman:
p Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee

Councillors:

p Peter Chegwyn	p Keith House
p Keith Evans	p Peter Latham
p Ray Finch	p Frank Pearce
a Jane Frankum	p Tom Thacker
p Andrew Gibson	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Jane Frankum.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore, all Members with a Non-Pecuniary Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5 Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Finch, Latham and Pearce as new members of the Panel.

In regard to a matter arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2012 (minute number 22 b) regarding the future of the Standards function within the Council's governance arrangements, the

Chairman informed Members that, following advice from the Monitoring Officer, the current position of the Conduct Advisory Panel, as a separate body, would continue.

5. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – DISPENSATION FOR OFFICER MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FOR HAMPSHIRE**

The Panel considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 5 in the Minute Book) proposing the granting of a dispensation to Officer members of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Hampshire from the provisions of Section 31 (4) (a) and (b) of the Localism Act 2011 to enable them to participate fully and vote in the Board's business.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer explained to the Panel why the dispensation was necessary, the Health and Wellbeing Board being a unique body in that it has Officers of the County Council who are co-opted members of the Board with full voting rights. As such they are bound by the County Council's Code of Conduct which prohibits those with a pecuniary interest, which as employees of the County Council they have, from participating in any business related to Hampshire County Council. It was, therefore, recommended that the Panel grant them a dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act to allow them to participate and vote on the work of the Board.

It was confirmed to Members that the Panel would have no other responsibility for Officers.

The Panel agreed unanimously to the recommendation.

RESOLVED:

That the Conduct Advisory Panel grants the following dispensation under Section 33(2) (e) of the Localism Act:

A dispensation expiring on 1 May 2017 to all Officer members of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Hampshire from the provisions of Section 31(4)(a) and (b) of the Localism Act 2011 enabling them to fully participate and vote in any business of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Hampshire when they would otherwise be prevented from doing so by virtue of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest deriving from their employment by the County Council.