

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
ETHICAL GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

29 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs R Camamile - Chairman

Mr RG Allen, Mr MB Cartwright, Mrs MA Cook (for Mr LJP O'Shea), Mr WJ Crooks, Mr P Wallace (for Mr CW Boothby), Mr R Ward (for Mr M Nickerson) and Ms BM Witherford

Also in attendance: Gordon Grimes, Independent Person

Officers in attendance: Julie Kenny and Rebecca Owen

226 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Boothby, Nickerson and O'Shea, with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10:

Councillor Wallace for Councillor Boothby
Councillor Ward for Councillor Nickerson
Councillor Cook for Councillor O'Shea.

227 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Crooks, seconded by Councillor Ward and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 16 August be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

228 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

229 STATUTORY SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the Statutory Safety Committee. A member asked whether other partners in the Hub were involved in the meeting. In response it was noted that it was a statutory responsibility as an employer, so it would be for the employers of the other partners to hold their own meetings. It was, however, noted that there was a Hub Operational Group which included partners and considered all aspects of the Hub, including health and safety.

230 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Councillor Allen seconded by Councillor Crooks, it was

RESOLVED – in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

231 COMPLAINT 2017-06

The committee gave consideration to the report of an independent investigator into allegations of a breach of the code of conduct. The options available to the committee were outlined and it was noted that if it was felt that the councillor had not breached the code, a decision of no action would be appropriate, but if it was felt that there was a case to answer, a hearing would be necessary. The option of taking 'other action' was also discussed.

The Independent Person, present at the meeting, commended the comprehensive and thorough report and supported the recommendation of the independent investigator that a hearing be held.

It was moved by Councillor Cartwright and seconded by Councillor Camamile that there was a case to answer and a hearing should be held which would allow all parties to put their case forward. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – the matter be referred for a determination hearing of the Ethical Governance & Personnel Committee.

(The Meeting closed at 7.02 pm)

CHAIRMAN