

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
ETHICAL GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

8 OCTOBER 2024 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr SL Bray – Vice-Chair in the chair
Cllr MB Cartwright, Cllr MA Cook, Cllr MJ Crooks, Cllr WJ Crooks, Cllr CE Green,
Cllr L Hodgkins (for Cllr A Pendlebury) and Cllr KWP Lynch

Also in attendance: Gordon Grimes, Independent Person and Gill Sinclair,
investigator

Officers in attendance: Julie Kenny and Rebecca Owen

200. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Pendlebury with the substitution of Councillor Hodgkins authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10.

201. Minutes of previous meeting

It was moved by Councillor W Crooks, seconded by Councillor J Crooks and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September be confirmed as a correct record.

202. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

203. Matters from which the public may be excluded

On the motion of Councillor Bray seconded by Councillor Cartwright, 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.

204. Complaint 2024/01

The Ethical Governance & Personnel Committee considered the report of the independent investigator into a complaint about a borough councillor.

The investigator was present and had not called any witnesses but had interviewed and / or received statements from all involved. The subject member was also in attendance.

The investigator presented the report and members proceeded to ask questions of the investigator.

The subject member was invited to respond to the investigator's report and stated that they had not received a copy of the agenda for the meeting. The chair offered to adjourn for the subject member to review the agenda pack but the subject member declined. It was acknowledged that the subject member had been informed of the complaints and had made a statement which they then signed and dated.

The subject member went on to refute the allegations contained within the complaint that they had shouted and were aggressive.

The investigating officer and subject member left the meeting at 2.50pm and members debated the report.

During consideration, members briefly discussed the report but were concerned that the subject member claimed not to have received a copy of the investigation report. Based on the Monitoring Officer's advice, it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned to allow the subject member the opportunity to review the report.

The investigator and subject member returned to the meeting at 3.07pm whereby they were informed that the meeting would be adjourned to 21 October at 12pm. The subject member would then have the opportunity to address the meeting in response to the report or could submit a response in writing if they preferred.

RESOLVED – the meeting be adjourned and reconvened at 12pm on Monday, 21 October.

(The Meeting closed at 3.09 pm)

CHAIR