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| Name of meeting | CONSIDERATION SUB COMMITTEE |
| Date and time | THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM |
| Venue | COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT |
| Present | John Howe (Isle of Wight Councillor) Ray Smith (Independent Member) Mark Southwell (Independent Member) |
| Officers Present | Chris Mathews, Justin Thorne |

13. **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED :

THAT Mr Mark Southwell be elected chairman for the day.

14. **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Southwell and Cllr Howe indicated that a number of the individuals involved in this case were known to them but none to the extent that they were either a close associate or a close relative..

15. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

The Sub Committee considered whether to exclude the public and press from the meeting and during this consideration the Sub Committee considered representation from the press that they should be permitted to stay.

RESOLVED :

THAT under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely Minute number 16, on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7C of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

16. **Reports of the Director of Corporate Services**

To consider the outcome of an investigation into Councillor David Pugh of Isle of Wight Council, ESC.69.10

The Investigating Officer presented his report following which members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the Investigating Officer.

The Sub Committee gave consideration to the investigating officers' findings and agreed with the conclusion there had been no breach. The Sub Committee also considered which parts of the Investigating Officer's report should be released to the public.

The press and public were readmitted when the Chairman announced the Sub Committees findings.

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT the Sub Committee agrees with the finding of the Investigating Officer that there has been no breach of the code of conduct.
- (ii) THAT the case be closed.
- (iii) THAT the redacted version of the Investigating Officers report be released to the public.

17. **Confirmation of the Decision Notice and Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman be authorised to sign as a true record a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Consideration Sub Committee held on 18 November 2010.

CHAIRMAN