



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>CONSIDERATION SUB COMMITTEE</b>
Date and time	<b>TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	George Hibberd (Independent Member) John Howe (Isle of Wight Councillor) Denis Russell (Town and Parish Councillor)
Officers Present	Ben Gard, Chris Mathews, April Ross

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25. **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED :

THAT George Hibberd be elected chairman for the day.

26. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

27. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

To consider passing a resolution 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 28, on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7C 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.

RESOLVED :

THAT the public and press be excluded.

28. **Reports of the Deputy Director of Resources (Corporate Governance) & Monitoring Officer**

- (a) To consider the outcome of an investigation into Councillor John Hobart of Isle of Wight Council, ESC.113.11

Following representations from the Investigating Officer, members of the Sub Committee asked questions.

The Sub Committee gave consideration to the investigating officers' findings and agreed with the conclusion there had been no breach.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Sub Committee accepts the finding of the investigating officer that on the information available there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct

- (b) To consider the outcome of an investigation into Councillor Margaret Webster of East Cowes Town Council, ESC.90.10

Following representations from the Investigating Officer, members of the Sub Committee asked questions.

The Sub Committee gave consideration to the investigating officers' findings and agreed with the conclusion to refer the investigation to the Hearing Sub Committee.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Sub Committee accepts the finding of the investigating officer, that there had been a potential breach of the code and that the investigation be referred to the Hearing Sub Committee for determination.

29. **Disclosure of Investigation Report**

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the [investigation report](#), but not the appendices, relating to ESC.113.11 be disclosed.
- (ii) THAT the investigation reports relating to ESC.90.10 remain exempt from the public.

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

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman sign as a true record a copy of the Decision Notices and Minutes in relation to ESC.113.11, Councillor John Hobart and ESC.90.10 Councillor Margaret Webster.

CHAIRMAN