

Minutes

Name of meeting **HEARING SUB COMMITTEE**

Date and time TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2011 COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM

Venue COMMITTEE ROOM TWO, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

WIGHT

Present Anthony Brindle (Independent Member)

Denis Russell (Town and Parish Councillor) Susan Scoccia (Isle of Wight Councillor)

Officers Present Sue Dasent, Helen Miles

32. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED:

THAT Anthony Brindle be elected chairman for the day.

33. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received at this stage.

34. 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 35, on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 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.

RESOLVED:

THAT the public and press not be excluded.

35. Confidential Reports of the Monitoring Officer

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced Members of the Committee. He confirmed that all members had read the papers and outlined the procedure that was to be followed.

To consider the outcome of an investigation into Councillor David Knowles of Isle of Wight Council, ESC.70.10

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

The representative for Councillor Knowles then outlined his case, members of the Sub Committee and the investigating officer asked questions of the representative and Councillor Knowles.

All parties withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the Findings of Fact and whether there had been a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Upon reconvening it was

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT Councillor Knowles has breached the Code of Conduct by failing to declare a personal interest.
- (ii) THAT no sanction be imposed.

36. Confirmation of the Decision Notice and Minutes of this meeting

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman sign as a true record a copy of the Decision Notice and Minutes in relation to ESC.70.10, Councillor David Knowles.

CHAIRMAN