

<b>HEARING PANEL – SUB COMMITTEE TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM 4
21 MARCH 2016	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b> <b>This report contains an exempt Annex, not for publication, by virtue of Paragraph 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.</b>

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**COMPLAINTS TO THE HEARING PANEL – SUB COMMITTEE TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

<p><b>R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S</b></p> <p>That the Committee considers the complaint received in relation to an Elected Member of the Council, and determines whether the complaint ought to be investigated.</p>
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In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are requested to vote to exclude the press and public for item 4. This contains exempt information relating to an individual as defined by Paragraph 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972, item 4 'Information relating to any individual' and 'Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual'. The public interest in disclosing this information outweighs the public interest in maintaining the exemption.

**1. COMPLAINTS HEARING PANEL – SUB COMMITTEE TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Members of the Hearing Panel are asked to consider a complaint received about an Elected Member under its terms of reference 2.2.2 Terms of Reference of the Hearing Panel (sub-committee to the Audit Committee), paragraph 2 on matters being referred by the Monitoring Officer deciding whether complaints concerning members should be investigated.

**2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Hearing Panel – Sub Committee to the Audit Committee, is required under the Localism act 2011, to consider an Elected Member Complaint, any complaint under the code of conduct must be regarded as confidential until an investigation is complete. Members are therefore requested to exclude the press and public to decide whether the complaint ought to be investigated.

**3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Council is required to consider all complaints made regarding an Elected Member.

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial or legal implications, other than those contained within the body of the report.

**5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

The exempt report, will follow the publication of this Hearing Panel agenda.

**6. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Complaints Against Members – Code of Conduct.