

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL COMPLAINTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of the Complaints Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 8 January 2019 in the Executive Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD.

Present:

Councillor Peter Wilkinson, Paula Stott and Santokh Sidhu.

In attendance from the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (for Item 5)

Julia Mulligan (Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) and Fraser Sampson (Interim Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance and advising the subcommittee (from NYCC): Barry Khan (Legal adviser), and Diane Parsons (Secretariat).

1. Appointment of Chairman.

Resolved -

That Councillor Peter Wilkinson be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Santokh Sidhu noted that he would like to declare an historical personal and business connection with the Chief Executive Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Fraser Sampson, and whilst this does not amount to a formal disclosable pecuniary interest, he wished to note it at the outset in the interests of openness and transparency.

3. Exclusion of the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 5 on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information)(Variation) Order 2006

Considered:

The complainant's specific request for confidentiality from the Sub-Committee in considering this matter and the obligation to consider the public interest.

Resolved –

That the press and public would be excluded during consideration of Item 5.

4. Any urgent business

No urgent business was identified by the Chair.

The following business was considered in private and the public have no right of access to the documents submitted. The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.

5. Complaint matter

Considered:

A complaint received regarding the conduct of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC).

The Sub-Committee had received a written response from the PFCC to the allegations presented. The complainant had been invited to comment on this response and this had been provided to the Sub-Committee. The complainant had also been asked to consider whether any corroborative evidence could be submitted but none had been provided.

The Sub-Committee asked the PFCC a number of questions to assist in further clarifying the PFCC's written response.

After the conclusion of this part of the meeting, the PFCC and her Chief Executive Officer left the meeting and the Sub-Committee considered their conclusions on the matter.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee will consider the matter and give its formal conclusion through the Chair at a later date.

Resolved –

- a) That the Sub-Committee will finalise its conclusion through the Chair in due course.