

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the ETHICS COMMITTEE held at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple on Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor White (Chairman).

Councillors Croft, Harrison, Manuel and Moores.

Non-Voting Member of the Committee:

Parish Councillor Kenyon.

Officers:

Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer (KM), Customer Services Manager (SH) and Democratic Services Officer (JG).

17 MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2013 (circulated previously) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

19 ORDER OF AGENDA

RESOLVED, that item 7 (compensation payments) be considered prior to item 6 (review of code of conduct) on the agenda.

20 COMPENSATION PAYMENTS MADE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The Committee considered a report by the Quality Manager (circulated previously) in respect of compensation payments made to complainants under delegated powers by Heads of Service.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

21 REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer (circulated previously) in respect of a proposed review of the Code of Conduct.

He advised the Committee of the consultation exercise undertaken and responses received to date.

The main alterations to the Code related to the list of personal interests, the re-introduction of prejudicial interests and an explanation of actions to be taken when declaring those interests.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted and recommended to Council for adoption.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: these minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Committee.