

Audit and Governance Committee

Held at:	Remote Meeting
Date	Monday, 19 April 2021
Present	Councillors Mrs Ann Berry, Laura Davison, Philip Martin (Chairman), Terence Mullard and Rebecca Shoob
Apologies for Absence	None
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Amandeep Khroud (Assistant Director) and Jemma West (Committee Service Specialist)
Others Present:	Andy Vanburen (Independent Member)

70. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

71. **Exclusion of the Public**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Ann Berry
Seconded by Councillor Terry Mullard

RESOLVED:

That the public are excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 – Information relating to any individual.

(Voting: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0)

Part 2 – Exempt Information Item

(Councillor Rebecca Shoob joined for the remainder of the meeting)

72. **Investigation of possible breach of the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors**

A complaint of the Council's code of conduct for councillors was referred by the Monitoring Officer to an independent investigating officer in November 2020.

The purpose of the investigation was to determine whether a possible breach of the Council's Code of Conduct had occurred. Report AuG/20/21 set out the conclusions of the investigation and the decision of the Monitoring Officer.

The Monitoring Officer presented the report to members bringing important aspects to members' attention.

Members discussed the following points:

- Subsequent training delivered.
- Criteria tests applied.
- Timings of process

RESOLVED:

1. That Report AuG/20/21 is received and noted.

2. That the conclusions of the Investigating Officer's report and the decision of the Monitoring Officer are noted.

(Voting: For 5; Against 0; Abstentions 0)