

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESSEX POLICE AND CRIME PANEL  
COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD,  
ON 9 JUNE 2015**

Present:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Bob Shepherd	Chelmsford City Council
John Jowers	Essex County Council (Chairman)
John Gili-Ross	Independent Member

The following officers were in attendance throughout the meeting:

Terry Osborne, Director for Corporate Law & Assurance and Monitoring Officer,  
Essex County Council (ECC)  
Paul Turner, Principal Lawyer – Governance, ECC  
Fiona Lancaster, Committee Officer, ECC

**1. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Part 1)**

**Resolved:**

That having reached the view that the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**2. Review of Complaint (Part 2)**

(Exempt under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Committee considered a report by the Director, Corporate Law & Assurance and Monitoring Officer, Essex County Council, which set out the situation regarding a complaint.

**Resolved:**

1. That it was unanimously agreed that the Complaints Sub-Committee would not uphold the complaint.
2. That the Monitoring Officer would send a letter to the complainant, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, outlining their consideration of his complaint and the agreed outcome. The letter would also include:
  - (i) An apology from Essex County Council regarding the delay of notification to the complainant that an appeals procedure had been agreed towards the end of 2014.

- (ii) The distinctions between operational policing and the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and his low level of involvement.
- 3. That the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex be asked to consider whether any individuals should be formally invited to some public events if they have a particular interest in policing.

### **3. Date of Next Meeting**

The Complaints Sub-Committee agreed that a meeting would be scheduled towards the end of July to consider a new complaint.

Chairman  
27 July 2015