

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESSEX POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD,
ON 27 JULY 2015**

Present:

Councillor John Jowers	Essex County Council (Chairman)
Councillor Bob Shepherd	Chelmsford City Council
Mr 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, Adviser to the Sub-Committee
Paul Turner, Principal Lawyer, Corporate Law and Assurance and Deputy Monitoring Officer, Essex County Council, Reviewing Officer
Colin Ismay, Corporate Law and Assurance, Essex County Council, Secretary to the Sub-Committee

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. 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.

3. Review of Complaint (Part 2)

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

The Complaints Sub-Committee considered a report by the Monitoring Officer setting out complaints made against the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner for informal resolution by the Sub-Committee.

Additional documentation had been provided to the Sub-Committee in advance of the meeting:

In brief, the Panel's role was:

- (a) to consider whether complaints include an allegation that the Commissioner or his Deputy have committed an offence - in which case the complaint must be referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (“the IPCC”);
- (b) to consider whether or not to ‘disapply’ the statutory complaints process if certain criteria are met eg if the complaint is vexatious or delayed, or repetitive;
- (c) to resolve the complaint informally.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner and the Complainants be informed of the Sub-Committee’s recommendations.
- (2) That the Parties be encouraged to accept and act upon the recommendations agreed by the Sub-Committee as a way of resolving the complaint informally.

Chairman