Minutes of the meeting of the Dispensations Sub-Committee held on 19 March 2019

Present

- Members: Councillor Parminder Singh Birdi Councillor Bill Gifford Councillor John Horner
- Officers: Jane Pollard, Legal Services Manager Janet Purcell, Democratic Services Manager

1. General

(1) Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

(2) Appointment of Chair

The Sub-Committee agreed that Councillor Bill Gifford be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee.

2. Applications for Dispensations

The Sub-Committee considered dispensations for Philip Seccombe, Police and Crime Commissioner who had been appointed as a co-opted member of the Council for the purpose of exercising his functions in relation to emergency services collaboration under the Policing and Crime Act 2017. The Sub-Committee were advised that the dispensations as published with the agenda be amended to make it clear that the dispensation only related to these functions.

Resolved

That the dispensations set out in the appendix to these minutes be granted to the Police and Crime Commissioner when attending the Council as a co-opted member for the purposes of section 7 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017.

The Committee rose at 3.38 p.m.

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Chair

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Dispensations for the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner

That the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for the purpose of exercising his functions only in relation to emergency services collaboration on fire related matters may

(a) both speak and vote in relation to the provision of any allowance, payment, pension, indemnity or other financial benefit given to members;

(b) in cases where the PCC is an elected member or co-opted member of another public authority, or whose spouse or partner is an elected or co-opted member of another public authority, and the PCC only has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter by virtue of the fact that s/he or his/her spouse or partner is in receipt of an allowance from that other public authority then

- i. where the issue is a matter of dispute between the County Council and the other authority, and the matter would affect the financial position of that other authority, the PCC may speak on the matter provided s/he immediately withdraws from the meeting room; and
- ii. in relation to other matters affecting that other authority, the PCC may speak and vote.

c) Where the PCC only has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter relating to the County Council or another authority by virtue of the fact that his or her spouse or partner is an employee of the County Council or that other authority, the PCC may speak and vote on all matters affecting the County Council or that other authority other than issues which would have a direct impact on the employment of the spouse or partner.