

# Agenda for Standards Hearing Sub Committee Monday, 12th October, 2020, 10.00 am



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- 1 Introduction by the Chair
- 2 Declarations of Interest

**The Sub-Committee is asked to consider excluding the press and public from the meeting during consideration of this item on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.**

(In making its decision, the Sub-Committee is asked to confirm that, having regard to all circumstances, it is satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information).

- 3 Sub-Committee to determine whether the Hearing should be held in private or public
- 4 Hearing to consider complaint 2020-C2 - Councillor Paul Millar (Pages 3 - 120)

To hold a hearing to consider an investigation report into the complaint about Councillor Paul Millar, East Devon District Council in accordance with the Council's procedure which includes:

- (a) To determine findings of fact and to decide whether or not the Councillor has failed to follow the Code of Conduct.
- (b) If a breach is found to determine what sanction, if any, should be imposed.

Attached papers:

- Appendix A – Prehearing Summary Report (pages 6-10)
- Appendix B – Independent Investigator's Final Report (pages 11-62)
- Appendix C – Councillor Millar's representation form (pages 63-105)
- Appendix D – Summary Notes on Complaint Investigation (pages 106-111)
- Appendix E – Councillor Millar's supporting statements (pages 112-116)
- Appendix F – Complaints Hearing Procedure (pages 117-120)

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