

Governance Committee

29 June 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at County Hall, Chichester.

Present:

Mrs Arculus (Chairman), Mr Barnard, Mr Brown, Ms James, and Dr Walsh.

Apologies were received from Mr Burrett, Ms Goldsmith, Mr Lanzer and Mrs Mullins.

Also in attendance: Mr Hunt.

Part I

Declarations of Interest

26. No declarations were received.

Minutes of the Governance Committee

27. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Member involvement in Adult Safeguarding

28. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy on a proposal for recommendation to the County Council that the Adult Safeguarding Panel should be replaced with a Safeguarding Adults Member Reference Group (copy appended to the signed minutes).

29. Members supported the proposals and were also pleased to see that a non-Executive member would be on a sub-group of the Safeguarding Adults Board. The Chairman asked if it would be possible to have similar representation on a sub-group of the Safeguarding Children Board and the Service Manager – Democratic Services said she would make enquiries to see if it was possible. Members also asked for details of the members of the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safeguarding Children Board to be made available to all members.

30. Resolved – That the discontinuance of the Adult Safeguarding Panel and the proposals for future member engagement in the County Council's adult safeguarding responsibilities be endorsed for recommendation to the County Council on 22 July 2016.

Arrangements for Decision Making on certain Rights of Way Matters

31. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy on arrangements for decision making on certain rights of way matters (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Committee was informed that following a review the Rights of Way Committee had delegated powers in relation to certain rights of way matters to the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy. The Committee was recommended to approve the addition of these delegations to the Scheme of Delegation in the Constitution and to endorse an amendment to the

terms of reference of the Rights of Way Committee for recommendation to the County Council.

32. Members supported the proposals and emphasised the importance of consultation with local members. The Committee queried whether the wording in delegation 59A should include a reference to matters being referred to the Rights of Way Committee if there were objections and the Principal Solicitor, Corporate Resources and Services said she would agree appropriate wording. Note: since the meeting it was been established that the words 'and consider objections' should be deleted from the delegation as it is an administrative process and does not involve the consideration of objections to an application.

33. Resolved –

- (1) That the delegations by the Rights of Way Committee to the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy, in consultation with the local member and Chairman of the Rights of Way Committee, as set out the Appendix to the report, subject to the correction set out in minute 32 above, be included in the Scheme of Delegation in the Constitution; and
- (2) That an amendment to the terms of reference of the Rights of Way Committee by the addition of powers under the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014 be recommended to the County Council.

Appeals Panel Annual Report 2015/16

34. The Committee considered the annual report of the Appeals Panel for 2015/16 by the Director of Workforce, Organisational Development and Delivery Support and the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes). Members noted that a correction was required to Appendix 1 to show that Mr Turner rather than Mr Quinn had attended the Board of Appeal on 14 December 2015 and had chaired the appeal.

35. Resolved – That the Appeals Panel Annual Report 2015/16, including the recommendations and actions taken, are noted, subject to the correction in minute 34 above.

Date of Next Meeting

36. The Committee noted that the next meeting would be held at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 12 September 2016.

Exclusion of Press and Public

37. Resolved - That under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, of Schedule 12A, of the Act by virtue of the paragraphs specified under the items and that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.