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Minutes of the meeting of the **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 5.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor H M Williams

Councillors: S H Beer
M Bates
R M Knight
J P Loffman
S C Manion
L M Wright

Officers: Democratic Services Officer
Head of Licensing and Legal Services
Solicitor to the Council

29 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

30 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

32 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor M Bates, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business on the grounds that the items to be considered involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

33 APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING PANEL

The Monitoring Officer presented the Appointment of a Hearing Panel report. The Governance Committee was requested to appoint a politically balanced hearing panel of at least three members in accordance with Annex 3 of the "Arrangements for Dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints under the Localism Act 2011".

It was proposed by Councillor S H Beer and duly seconded that a three-member panel was appropriate. On being put to the vote this was carried.

The Chair called for nominations for panel members. Councillors M Bates, J P Loffman and L M Wright self-nominated and were duly seconded and on being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Annex 3 of the “Arrangements for Dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints under the Localism Act 2011”, Councillors M Bates, J P Loffman and L M Wright be appointed as members of the Governance Hearing Panel.

The meeting ended at 5.18 pm.