

**KENT AND MEDWAY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL -  
COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel -  
Complaints Sub-Committee held in the Lecture Theatre, Sessions House on  
Thursday, 19 January 2023.

PRESENT: Cllr S Mochrie-Cox (Chair), Mrs E Bolton, Cllr A Clark, Cllr L Dyball  
(Substitute for Cllr P Fleming), Cllr Mrs J Hollingsbee, Cllr R Palmer and Cllr L Parfitt-  
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IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Taylor (Scrutiny Research Officer)

**UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

**1. Election of Chairman**

*(Item 1)*

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Mochrie-Cox be elected chair of the sub-  
committee.

RESOLVED that Cllr Mochrie-Cox be elected chair of the Kent and Medway Police  
and Crime Panel Complaints Sub-Committee.

**2. Motion to Exclude the Press and Public**

*(Item 3)*

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press  
and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds  
that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1  
& 2 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**3. Complaint Summary**

*(Item 4)*

*Public minute of exempt item*

1. Members had before them information relating to the complaint and comments  
from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
2. Members made the following comments in relation to the complaint:
  - a. The initial response could have been more timely and the Sub-Committee  
recommends that the PCC explores way to ensure all responses are  
answered in a timely manner where possible.

- b. The initial response could have been more helpful and the Sub-Committee recommends that responses signpost and/or include a direct contact or link to where information requested might be found.
3. The Sub-Committee welcomed the Commissioner's position in defending his staff member without responding or submitting to the fear or favour of both shared political membership allegiance and reporting of a complaint to the Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel.
4. The Sub-Committee found that there was no breach of the 'Nolan Principles' as set out in the Commissioner's Code of Conduct.
5. The Sub-Committee does ask, however, that the Commissioner reflects on the manner and style of the responses given.

RESOLVED that the complaint not be upheld and no formal action should be taken against the Commissioner.