

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2013

REPORT BY THE DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M NEWMAN

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider a complaint in respect of Councillor M Newman, a Member of East Herts Council.

1.0 Background

1.1 Council has received a complaint alleging that a District Councillor has breached the Authority's Code of Conduct.

2.0 The Report

2.1 The Council has agreed a procedure for considering complaints.

2.2 The Sub-Committee will consider the report and decide what action to take.

3.0 The Complaint

3.1 A Complaint was made that Councillor Newman breached the Council's Code of Conduct.

3.2 Details of the complaint are set out in the Investigating Officer's report.

4.0 The Investigating Officer's Report

4.1 An investigating officer was appointed to carry out an investigation. Following the investigation, the Investigating Officer concluded that, in all the circumstances of this case, there is no evidence of a failure to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct. A copy of the Investigating Officer's report is attached **at Essential Reference Paper B.**

5.0 Procedure

5.1 A copy of the Council's complaints procedure is contained in **Essential Reference Paper C**.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	People This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.
Consultation:	None
Legal:	The procedures are in accordance with the regulations.
Financial:	None
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	The case should be determined in accordance with the regulations having regard to the relevant guidance.

