

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 29 JULY 2015

REPORT BY (ACTING) MONITORING OFFICER

COUNCILLOR APOLOGY

WARD(S) AFFECTED: None

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To receive and duly note a formal apology from a Member.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION: that:

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(A)	the formal apology received from the Member now detailed be noted.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Standards Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 30 June 2015, considered a complaint against Councillor Jeff Jones alleging that he had breached the Authority's Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee noted the detail of the complaint and the evidence submitted by the complainant to support their allegation.
- 1.3 The Sub-Committee, after careful consideration of the complaint in consultation with the Independent Person and taking into account the Council's assessment criteria and the approved process for dealing with complaints, agreed to request the Monitoring Officer to secure an informal resolution on the basis now detailed.
- 1.4 The informal resolution was to request Councillor Jones to apologise formally to Council in writing as to his action in using Council property for personal business and undertake never to do so again.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Councillor Jones has provided the written apology and undertaking identified by the Standards Sub-Committee (see **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**).
- 2.2 Councillor Jones' apology has been formally reported to Council in accordance with the wishes of the Standards Sub-Committee. Council is invited to adopt the recommendation at the head of this report

3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 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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