

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE – 24 NOVEMBER 2015

REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINTS IN RESPECT OF MUCH HADHAM PARISH COUNCILLORS S BANNERMAN, A BAXTER AND I HUNT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider code of conduct complaints in respect of Much Hadham Parish Councillors Anthony Baxter, Selina Bannerman and Ian Hunt.
- 1.0 Background
- 1.1 The Monitoring Officer has received several complaints alleging that Much Hadham Parish Councillors Baxter, Bannerman and Hunt have breached their Council's Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee will need to come to a determination in respect of each complaint individually.
- 2.0 Report
- 2.1 Council has agreed a procedure for considering complaints.
- 2.2 The Sub-Committee will consider each complaint and decide what action to take.
- 2.3 In appropriate cases, the Monitoring Officer may seek to resolve the complaint informally, without the need for a formal investigation. Having consulted the Independent Person, it is not considered that the complaints can be resolved informally.
- 2.4 Complaints are considered in accordance with the Standards Complaints assessment criteria set out in Appendix 2 of the Complaints Procedure (**Essential Reference Paper 'B'**)

3.0 The Complaints

3.1 The four complaints are set out in the complaints forms and accompanying documents that form **Essential Reference Papers 'C' to 'F'**.

4.0 Procedure

4.1 A copy of the Council's complaints procedure is contained in **Essential Reference Paper 'B' (see Agenda Item 8)**.

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'**.

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