

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE - 18 DECEMBER 2012

REPORT BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF A COUNCILLOR, REFERENCE
EHDC/09/2011

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

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

1.0 Background

1.1 The 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 Complaints

3.1 A complaint was made that Councillor Alexander 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 is that there has not been a failure to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct.

5.0 Pre-Hearing

5.1 In preparation for this hearing, Councillor Alexander has been provided with a copy of the Investigating Officer's report.

6.0 Procedure for the Hearing

6.1 A copy of the procedure which the Council has adopted for the conduct of such hearings is contained in **Essential Reference Paper B**. A copy of the Investigating Officer's report is attached at **Essential Reference Paper C**.

7.0 Implications/Consultations

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

Background Papers

Local Government Act 2000

Localism Act 2011

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