EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE - 23 JANUARY 2013

REPORT BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF A COUNCILLOR, REFERENCE EHDC/10/2011

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider complaints in respect of Councillor M. Tindale, a Member of East Herts Council.
- 1.0 Background
- 1.1 The Council has received complaints 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 reports and decide what action to take.
- 3.0 The Complaints
- 3.1 Complaints were made that Councillor Tindale breached the Council's Code of Conduct.
- 3.2 Details of the complaints 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 been a failure to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct.

- 5.0 <u>Pre-Hearing</u>
- 5.1 In preparation for this hearing, Councillor Tindale has been provided with a copy of the Investigating Officer's report.
- 6.0 Procedure for the Hearing
- 6.1 A copy of the Investigating Officer's report is attached at Essential Reference Paper B.
- 7.0 <u>Implications/Consultations</u>
- 7.1 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'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):	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	None
Resource:	
Risk Management:	The case should be determined in accordance with the regulations having regard to the relevant guidance.