

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE ROOM 28, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
ON WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2013, AT 3.00
PM

PRESENT: Councillors M Carver, K Crofton and M Wood

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor S Rutland-Barsby

OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Hughes - Head of
Democratic and
Legal Support
Services

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Katherine Dumbovic - Independent Person

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Councillor M Wood be appointed
Chairman for this meeting of the Standards Sub-
Committee.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Carver advised that he would withdraw from the meeting prior to consideration of the item detailed in Minute 6 below. The Sub-Committee noted the reasons now outlined by Councillor Carver for his intended withdrawal. Councillor Rutland Barsby would replace him on the Sub-Committee to consider this item.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting of the

Standards Sub-Committee held on 23 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
M NEWMAN

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report on a complaint alleging that District Councillor M Newman had breached East Herts Council's Councillors Code of Conduct.

The complaint was the subject of an investigation by an independent Investigating Officer appointed by the Monitoring Officer.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Investigating Officer's findings on the complaint in accordance with its approved procedure.

The Standards Sub-Committee, in consultation with the Independent Person, determined that, in relation to all the circumstances of the case, there was no evidence of any failure by Councillor Newman to comply with the Code of Conduct and therefore there was no case to answer.

RESOLVED – that in relation to all the circumstances of the case, there was no evidence of any failure by Councillor Newman to comply with the Code of Conduct and therefore there was no case to answer.

5 COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
B WRANGLES

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report on a complaint alleging that District Councillor B Wrangles had breached the Council's Councillors Code of Conduct.

The Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services highlighted the Council's assessment criteria for such complaints. He invited the Sub-Committee to use the criteria to reach one of the following decisions on the complaint:

- (A) to refer it to the Council's Monitoring Officer for investigation, or
- (B) to take no action.

Based on the information provided by the complainant and the assessment criteria, the Sub-Committee agreed to take no action.

RESOLVED – that no action be taken on the complaint now submitted alleging that Councillor Wrangles had breached the Authority's Code of Conduct.

6 COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF HUNSDON PARISH COUNCILLOR D GIBBS

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report on a complaint alleging that Hunsdon Parish Councillor D Gibbs had breached that Authority's Councillors Code of Conduct.

The Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services highlighted the Council's assessment criteria for such complaints. He invited the Sub-Committee to use the criteria to reach one of the following decisions on the complaint:

- (A) to refer it to the Council's Monitoring Officer for investigation, or
- (B) to take no action.

The Sub-Committee agreed to refer the complaint to the Monitoring Officer for investigation.

RESOLVED – that the complaint now submitted alleging that Hunsdon Parish Councillor D Gibbs had breached that Authority's Code of Conduct be referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation.

(Note: Councillor Carver left the room prior to consideration of this item.)

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm

Chairman

Date