EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE - 6 MARCH 2014

REPORT BY THE DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF HUNSDON PARISH COUNCILLOR D GIBBS – INVESTIGATION REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider a complaint in respect of Parish Councillor D Gibbs, a Member of Hunsdon Parish Council.
- 1.0 Background
- 1.1 Council has received a complaint alleging that a member of Hunsdon Parish Council has breached that 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 Complaint
- 3.1 A Complaint was made that Hunsdon ParishCouncillor D Gibbs breached his Council's Code of Conduct.
- 3.2 Details of the complaint are set out in the Investigating Officer's report.
- 4.0 <u>The Investigating Officer's Report</u>
- 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, there is no evidence of a failure to comply with the Members' Code of

Conduct. A copy of the Investigating Officer's report is attached at Essential Reference Paper B.

- 5.0 Procedure
- 5.1 A copy of the Council's complaints procedure is contained in **Essential Reference Paper C**.
- 6.0 <u>Implications/Consultations</u>
- 6.1 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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