

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANDREWS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider eight complaints in respect of District Councillor D Andrews.

1.0 Background

1.1 Council has received eight complaints alleging that District Councillor D Andrews has breached the Council's Code of Conduct.

1.2 The facts of each complaint are similar. However, they are not all exactly the same. The Sub-Committee will therefore need to come to a determination in respect of each complaint individually. Having consulted the Independent Person, each complainant was afforded an opportunity to provide further information/evidence to support their allegations. Where further information/evidence was submitted this has been added to the complainant's complaint form.

1.3 Members' attention is drawn to the web cast of the meeting:

http://www.eastherts.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/127130

Members are invited to watch that element of the web cast that is referred to in the complaints.

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. Again, 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 eight complaints are set out in the complaints forms and accompanying documents that form **Essential Reference Papers 'C' to 'J'**.
- 4.0 Procedure
- 4.1 A copy of the Council's complaints procedure is contained in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.
- 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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