

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR K CROFTON

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider a complaint in respect of District Councillor K Crofton.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Standards Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 30 June 2015, considered a complaint alleging that District Councillor K Crofton had breached the Council's Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee agreed that consideration of the complaint be deferred to allow the Monitoring Officer to invite the complainant to particularise an element of the allegation. The complainant was requested to particularise their "....previous relationship (with Councillor Crofton) and that which he has had with an immediate family member...." In order for the Sub-Committee to form a view on its relevance to the complaint.
- 1.3 In addition, the complainant requested the Sub-Committee's attention be drawn to the web cast of the meeting:

http://www.eastherts.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/127123

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Council has agreed a procedure for considering a complaint.
- 2.2 The Sub-Committee will consider the 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 complaint 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 Complaint
- 3.1 The complaint is set out in the complaints form and accompanying documents that form **Essential Reference Paper ‘C’**.
- 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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