

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE – 24 NOVEMBER 2015

REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
J CARTWRIGHT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider code of a code of conduct complaint in respect of District Councillor J Cartwright.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Monitoring Officer has received a complaint alleging that District Councillor J Cartwright has breached the Council's Code of Conduct.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Council has agreed a procedure for considering complaints.
- 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. 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 complaint forms and accompanying documents that form **Essential Reference Papers 'C'**.

3.2 In addition, the complainant has requested the Sub-Committee's attention be drawn to the web page in the link below:

<http://m.hertsandessexobserver.co.uk/Complaint-East-Herts-councillor-calling-resident/story-28106759-detail/story.html>

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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