

## EAST HERTS COUNCIL

## STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2016

### REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

#### COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF FORMER MUCH HADHAM PARISH COUNCILLORS S BANNERMAN, A BAXTER AND R KEY

WARD(S) AFFECTED:      **NONE**

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#### **Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To consider code of conduct complaint in respect of former Much Hadham Parish Councillors Anthony Baxter, Selina Bannerman and Richard Key.

#### **1.0 Background**

1.1 The Monitoring Officer has received a complaint alleging that former Much Hadham Parish Councillors Baxter, Bannerman and Key breached their Council's Code of Conduct.

#### **2.0 Report**

2.1 Council has agreed a procedure for considering complaints.

2.2 In accordance with that procedure, 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' in previous agenda item**).

3.0 The Complaint

3.1 The complaint is set out in the complaint 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' in the previous agenda item**.

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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