

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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