

Minutes of a meeting of the
Standards Committee Review Sub-Committee held on
15 February 2011 commencing at 15:00 p.m.

Present:	Independent Member:	Mr J Reece (Chairman)
	Parish/Town Council Representative:	Mr T Austin
	District Council Representative:	Cllr G Ryan
	Monitoring Officer:	Mrs C Nuttall
	Democratic Services Officer	Mr D Williamson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ryan declared that he knew both of the subject members of complaints FC39R and FC40R as colleague District Councillors.

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That the meeting of the panel to review the allegations of Member misconduct (reference FC39R & 40R), be held in confidential session.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS FOR A REVIEW OF THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF A COMPLAINT THAT A MEMBER HAS BREACHED THE CODE OF CONDUCT

FC39R

This matter related to a District Councillor. The subject member had been provided with a summary of the details of the complaint following the original Assessment on 21 December 2010.

The potential breach of the Code of Conduct identified was paragraph 3 (1).

Treating others with respect

General Obligations

3. (1) You must treat others with respect.

Resolved: That no further action be taken in respect of the complaint

Reason

The Review Sub-Committee thoroughly reviewed the complaint together with the relevant correspondence provided, in conjunction with Standards for England guidance relating to paragraph 3 of the Code of Conduct. The Sub-Committee

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agreed with the original Assessment that the only part of paragraph 3 of the Code of Conduct which could be relevant was 3(1) – Treating others with respect. The Sub-Committee noted that the complainant had been asked if there was any further evidence or information which could be provided, but none had been received.

The Sub-Committee agreed with the original Assessment which had concluded that the correspondence did not fall within paragraph 3(1).

For this reason the Sub-Committee agreed that there was insufficient evidence of a potential breach of the Code of Conduct.

FC40R

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The potential breach of the Code of Conduct identified was paragraph 3 (1).

Treating others with respect

General Obligations

3. (1) You must treat others with respect.

Resolved: That no further action be taken in respect of the complaint.

Reason

The Review Sub-Committee thoroughly reviewed the complaint together with the relevant correspondence provided, in conjunction with Standards for England guidance relating to paragraph 3 of the Code of Conduct. The Sub-Committee agreed with the original Assessment that the only part of paragraph 3 of the Code of Conduct which could be relevant was 3(1) – Treating others with respect. The Sub-Committee noted that the complainant had been asked if there was any further evidence or information which could be provided, but none had been received.

The Sub-Committee agreed with the original Assessment which had concluded that the correspondence did not fall within paragraph 3(1).

For this reason the Sub-Committee agreed that there was insufficient evidence of a potential breach of the Code of Conduct.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 15:40 P.M.