

Minutes of the meeting of the STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY
31 JANUARY 2013 at 5.00 pm

Present: Councillor Jury (Chair)
Councillors Eastman and McKenzie
Parish Councillor Livingstone

M Leppert (Independent Member)

Officers: I Ali (Acting Deputy Assistant Director Law & Governance), K Hulatt
(Solicitor) and T Milner (Committee Manager)

Also Present: 2 Members of the Public (Complainants)

SSC03 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED -

That the public and press representatives be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as the report contains information relating to individuals, and on these grounds it is considered that the need to keep information exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in order that the Sub-Committee may consider the following matter:

Initial Assessment of a complaint made about an Elected Member, Complaint MKCS07-12

SSC04 INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF A COMPLAINT MADE ABOUT AN ELECTED MEMBER, COMPLAINT: MKCSC07-12

The Sub-Committee considered the initial assessment of a complaint made about an elected Member of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, regarding breaches of their Code of Conduct.

It was noted that before the assessment of a complaint could begin, the Sub-Committee should be satisfied that the complaint met the following criteria;

- (a) that it was a complaint against one or more named Members of the Authority or an Authority covered by the Standards Committee;

- (b) that the named Member was in office at the time of the alleged conduct and the Code of Conduct was in force at the time; and
- (c) that the complaint, if proven, would be a breach of the Code under which the Member was operating at the time of the alleged misconduct.

The Sub-Committee heard from the Solicitor that the role of the Sub-Committee was to determine whether, on the face of it, the actions of the Member subject of the complaint had breached the Code of Conduct, and if so, whether any action should be taken on the complaint. The options available to the Sub Committee are to;

- (a) take no further action on the complaint;
- (b) refer the complaint to the Monitoring Officer, for investigation or for other action; or to
- (c) refer the complaint for action by the Police.

RESOLVED –

Complaint MKCSC-07-12

That no further action be taken on the matter but the Monitoring Officer to write to the Subject Member informing them that had they still been a Councillor at the time it would be likely that an investigation would have taken place. That the Monitoring Officer be requested to send a notification letter to the Clerk of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council and a decision notice be sent to all parties involved in the complaint.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 5.25PM