

Standards Sub-Committee report



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MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT - CONSIDERATION OF A STANDARDS INVESTIGATION REPORT ABOUT AN ELECTED COUNCILLOR

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Monitoring Officer of Milton Keynes Council received a complaint about Councillor William Hewitt of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, regarding alleged breaches of the Town Council's Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 An Assessment Sub-Committee was convened on 17 November 2020 to consider the matter and it was referred for investigation. The decision notice is attached at **Annex A**.
- 1.3 The investigation report was received on 14 January 2021. The Investigator is of the opinion that there is a case to answer and the Monitoring Officer has, in consultation with the Chair of the Standards Committee, called a Sub-Committee (Hearing) to consider the matter.

2. Action Required

- 2.1 The purpose of the Standards Sub-Committee is to allow the Sub-Committee to consider the evidence supplied by both the Member who is the subject of the complaint and the Investigating Officer, and make a decision as to:
 - (a) the findings of fact;
 - (b) whether the Member subject to the complaint has breached the Code of Conduct; and

- (c) any sanction if it is found that the Member subject to the complaint has breached the Code of Conduct.

3. Issues and Procedure

3.1 This report outlines the process that is to be followed when considering the investigation report and the options that are open to the Sub-Committee.

3.2 As supporting materials, the Sub-Committee has:

- (a) The decision notice following the Assessment Sub-Committee held on 17 November 2020 (**Annex A**) (Exempt)
- (a) The Investigator's report, dated August 2020 (**Annex B**) (Exempt)
- (b) Forms submitted by the Member subject to the complaint (**Annex C**) (Exempt)
- (e) Milton Keynes Council's Arrangements for dealing with Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011 (**Annex D**)
- (f) Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee Hearing Procedure (**Annex E**)