



Minutes of the meeting of the STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2012 at 5.00 pm

Present: Councillor Jury (Chair)
Councillors Eastman and Zealley
Parish Councillor Wilkes

M Jones (Independent Member)

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

Also Present: Councillors M Burke, Dransfield, A Geary, Miles and 1 Member of the Public (Complainant)

SSC01 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, Complaints MKCS03-12; 04-12; 05-12; 08-12, 09-12 and 10-12

SSC02 INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF A COMPLAINT MADE ABOUT AN ELECTED MEMBER, COMPLAINTS: MKCSC03-12; 04-12, 05-12; 08-12; 09-12 AND 10-12

The Sub-Committee considered the initial assessment of complaints made about elected Members of Stony Stratford Town Council and Milton Keynes 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 –

1. Complaint MKCSC-03-12
That no action be taken in respect of the complaint.
2. Complaint MKSC-04-12
That no action be taken in respect of the complaint.
3. Complaint MKSC-05-12
That no action be taken in respect of the complaint.
4. Complaint MKSC-08-12
That no action be taken in respect of the complaint.
5. Complaint MKSC-09-12
That no action be taken in respect of the complaint.
6. Complaint MKSC-10-12
That no action be taken in respect of the complaint.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 18:30 PM