

**Minutes of the meeting of the STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE  
held on MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2015 at 4.30 pm**

**Present:** Councillor McPake (Chair)  
Councillors M Burke and McKenzie.

**Officers:** S Gerrard (Monitoring Officer and Interim Service Director ([Legal and Democratic Services]) and T Milner (Committee Manager).

**Also Present:** Mr S Goacher (Investigating Officer & Partner [Weightman's LLP])  
Mr C Ensor (Independent Member)  
The Councillor subject of the complaint

**ASC05 CHAIR**

The Chair of the Standards Committee, Councillor McPake, being present took the chair.

**ASC06 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**ASC07 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED: -

That the Public and Representatives of the Press 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. As on these grounds it was considered that the need to keep information exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Chair invited the Councillor, subject of the complaint to make any representations in respect of the matters to be considered before being excluded from the meeting.

**ASC08 REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER**

The Sub-Committee considered the Investigating Officer's report into the allegations from a member of the public against an elected Councillor of the Council, which was undertaken as an outcome of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 August 2014. The report set out details of the relevant legislation, the evidence obtained and the findings as to whether a breach of the Milton Keynes Council's Code of Conduct had occurred.

The Assessment Sub-Committee heard from the Chair that the role of the Assessment Sub-Committee was to determine whether, on the facts presented whether the actions of the Councillor 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 Assessment Sub Committee were to;

- (a) instruct the Monitoring Officer to seek resolution;
- (b) reject the complaint; or to
- (c) refer the complaint to a Hearing.

The Sub-Committee took account of all documentation available to it, representations made by the Councillor, an additional submission by the complainant, and comments made by the Investigating Officer and the Independent Member.

RESOLVED –

That no formal action be taken on the complaint and the Chair to advise the parties of the views of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:48PM