

Standards Sub-Committee Report



milton keynes council

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

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Yes

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Monitoring Officer of Milton Keynes Council received a complaint about a Councillor Moriah Priestley of Milton Keynes Council, regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 An Assessment Sub-Committee was convened on 23 July 2020 to consider the matter. It was referred for investigation in part. The decision notice is attached at **Annex A**.
- 1.3 The investigation report was received on 20 August 2020. The investigator has made a finding of breach and the Monitoring Officer has, in consultation with the Chairs of the Standards Committee, called a Hearing Sub-Committee 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 from the Sub-Committee held on 23 July 2020 (**Annex A**) (Exempt)
- (b) The Investigator's Report dated August 2020 (**Annex B(i)**) (Exempt)
- (c) The Investigator's Report - Bundle Contents (**Annex B(ii)**) (Exempt)
- (d) The Investigator's Report - Bundle of Documents (**Annex B(iii)**) (Exempt)
- (e) Forms submitted by the Member subject to the Complaint (**Annex C**) (Exempt)
- (f) Milton Keynes Council's Arrangements for dealing with Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011 (**Annex D**)
- (g) Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee Hearing Procedure (**Annex E**)