

MINUTES of the meeting of the **STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE A** held at 10.00am on 18 November 2011 at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Standards Committee at its meeting on 12 December 2011.

Members:

Mr Simon Edge* (Chairman)
Mrs Sally De La Bedoyere*
Mr David Munro+
Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin+
Mr Colin Taylor+

- * Independent Representative
- + Elected Member

PART 1

IN PUBLIC

38/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

No apologies were received.

39/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS [Item 2]

Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin declared a personal interest in Item 5, as she had been present at a local committee meeting referred to in the report. However, Mrs Ross-Tomlin had no involvement in the private conversation that had led to the complaint. Following advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer, Mrs Ross-Tomlin decided to stay and take part in the discussion of Item 5.

40/11 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC [Item 3]

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS WAS CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE.
HOWEVER THE INFORMATION SET OUT BELOW IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL.

41/11 MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT IN RESPECT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT A MEMBER FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT [Item 4]

Officers present:

Rachel Crossley (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

The Committee received the Monitoring Officer's report and properly considered the decision they were required to make.

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Committee accepts the Investigating Officer's finding that the Subject Member did not breach the Code of Conduct.

Next Steps:

1. Written notice of the decision that the Councillor did not breach the Code of Conduct will be given to all parties involved.
2. The decision to be published in one local newspaper and on the Council's website, unless the Subject Member requests otherwise.

42/11 MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT IN RESPECT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO AN ALLEGATION THAT A MEMBER FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT [Item 5]

Officers present:

Rachel Crossley (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

The Committee received the Monitoring Officer's report and properly considered the decision they were required to make.

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Committee accepts the Investigating Officer's finding that the Subject Member did not breach the Code of Conduct.

Next Steps:

1. Written notice of the decision that the Councillor did not breach the Code of Conduct will be given to all parties involved.
2. The decision to be published in one local newspaper and on the Council's website, unless the Subject Member requests otherwise.

43/11 PUBLICITY FOR PART TWO ITEMS [Item 6]

RESOLVED: That the item considered under Part Two of the agenda should remain confidential and not be made available to the press and public. The decision notices will be published, subject to the Subject Members requesting otherwise.

[Meeting ended: 10.20am]

Chairman