



REPORT FOR NOTING BY THE COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL

DECISION OF THE MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL: MR IAN LAKE

1. Following consideration at a meeting of the Member Conduct Panel held pursuant to the arrangements agreed by the Council under S28(6) of the Localism Act 2011 and after taking into account the views of the Independent Person, the Member Conduct Panel decided on 19 December 2012, that Mr Ian Lake, a Member of Surrey County Council:
 - a) failed to register his personal interests connected with the company Charterhouse Chancery Limited in the Members' Register of Interests within the required time limits and so had breached paragraph 13(2) of the Code of Conductⁱ and,
 - b) had failed to disclose the same personal interests at a meeting of the Council's Cabinet on 29 March 2011 and at the Council Meeting of 10 May 2011 and so had breached paragraph 9 of the Members' Code of Conduct on those two occasions.
2. The Independent Person was satisfied that the decisions of the Member Conduct Panel, set out above, were reasonable and that the considerations leading to those decisions were sound.
3. The Panel decided that, in accordance with the actions it may take pursuant to the Council's arrangements, it would report its findings to Full Council. The Independent Person concurred and observed that, in his view a report to Council is the most appropriate sanction and would reinforce the Council's commitment to transparency and full disclosure.

Lavinia Sealy
Chairman of the Member Conduct Panel

ⁱ Reference in this report to the Code of Conduct are references to the Model Code set out in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, which applied to Members of Surrey County Council from 24 July 2007 to 01 July 2012.

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