

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the REFERRALS (ASSESSMENT) SUB COMMITTEE held in Room D6, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 2 February 2010.

PRESENT: Mr M Lynch – Chairman.

Councillor Mrs B E Boddington, M Lynch and G Watkins.

### **114. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 12th January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **115. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

### **116. GUIDANCE TO ASSIST ASSESSMENT OF CASE**

The guidance produced by Standards for England and collated by the Monitoring Officer to assist the Sub-Committee in their assessment of the case submitted was received and noted.

### **117. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information under paragraph 7 (c) relating to the deliberations of a Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000.

### **118. PRE-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO 26**

Members considered the following documents collated by the Monitoring Officer (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book) to assist the Sub-Committee in their deliberations in respect of a complaint received against a Councillor serving on St. Ives Town Council -

- (a) complaint form received from Councillor D B Dew, complainant;
- (b) e-mail exchange dated 13th November 2009 between Councillor C M Saunderson and Christine Deller;
- (c) e-mail from Town Clerk, St. Ives - Mrs A Melnyczuk;

- (d) Minutes of St. Ives Town Council - Planning Committee - 11th November 2009;
- (e) original and amended list of Panel Speakers for Development Management Panel - 16th November 2009;
- (f) extract from Minutes of Development Management Panel - 16th November 2009; and
- (g) registration of interests form - Councillor C M Saunderson.

**119. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE NO. 26**

The Sub-Committee considered the allegation made in the case of Councillor C M Saunderson of St. Ives Town Council seeking the advice of the Monitoring Officer as necessary. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that the allegation made against Councillor C M Saunderson that he had failed to comply with paragraph 5 of the Town Council's conduct be not referred for investigation but referred to the Monitoring Officer for other action as set out in the "Decision Notice - Referral for Other Action" appended to these Minutes.

**120. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub-Committee would take place on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 at 10am.

Chairman