

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the REFERRALS (ASSESSMENT) SUB COMMITTEE held in Meeting Room MRO.1b, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 29 April 2010.

PRESENT: Mr M Lynch – Chairman.

Councillor A Hansard and Mr G Watkins.

137. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 31st March adjourned to 20th April 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

138. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

139. 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.

140. 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 the Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000.

141. PRE-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO. 30

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

- (a) original e-mail containing complaint from Councillor Mrs M Clarke;
- (b) e-mail from P Abbots to Mrs M Clarke dated 12th March 2010;
- (c) e-mail from Mrs M Clarke to P Abbots dated 12th March 2010;
- (d) e-mail from P Green to all Councillors dated 17th March 2010;

- (e) e-mail from B Luter to Mrs M Clarke dated 6th April 2010;
- (f) record of events submitted by Mrs M Clarke; and
- (g) Registration of Interests Form – Councillor B Luter.

Responses to questions raised by Mr G Watkins in advance of the Sub Committee and contained in an email dated 27th April 2010 from the Democratic Services Manager also were taken into consideration by Members.

142. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE NO 30

Having considered the allegation made in the case of Councillor B Luter of St Ives Town Council seeking the advice of the Monitoring Officer as necessary, it was

RESOLVED

that no further action be taken in respect of the allegation against Councillor B Luter for the reasons set out in the “Decision Notice – No Further Action” appended to these Minutes as no potential breach of the Code of Conduct was disclosed by the complaint.

Chairman