

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the REFERRALS (ASSESSMENT) SUB COMMITTEE held in Room CVSO 1a, Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Friday, 22 October 2010.

PRESENT: Mr M Lynch – Chairman.

Councillor G S E Thorpe and Mr J B Alexander.

13. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Sub-Committee held on 28th July and 10th September 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

15. 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 cases submitted was received and noted.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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

17. PRE-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO. 35

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 Huntingdonshire District Council -

- ◆ original complaint form and associated documents collated by the complainant; and
- ◆ Register of interests form - Councillor K J Churchill.

18. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE 35

Having considered the allegations made in the case of Councillor K J Churchill of Huntingdonshire District Council seeking the advice of the Monitoring Officer as appropriate, it was

RESOLVED

that no further action be taken in respect of the allegation against Councillor K J Churchill 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.

19. PRE-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO. 36

Having regard to the content of the original complaint and the following documents collated by the Monitoring Officer (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book), the Sub-Committee considered the details of a case presented against a Councillor serving on Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council -

- ◆ original complaint form;
- ◆ e-mail from Clerk, Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council; and
- ◆ Register of interests form - Councillor J Precious.

20. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE NO. 36

Members considered the allegation made in the case of Councillor J Precious of Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council seeking the advice of the Monitoring Officer as necessary and, it was

RESOLVED

that no further action be taken in respect of the allegation against Councillor J Precious 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.

21. PRE ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO 37

The Sub-Committee considered the pre-assessment report by the Monitoring Officer to which was attached the following correspondence/information (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) to assist Members in assessing the case -

- ◆ original letter of complaint and enclosed associated documents;
- ◆ letter from Fenstanton Parish Council to Inspector S Poppitt, Sector Commander dated 15th September and his reply of 21st September 2010;
- ◆ Minutes of the meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council - 9th September 2010; and
- ◆ Register of interests form - Councillor Mrs G Dartford.

22. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE NO. 37

Further to the allegation made in case of Councillor Mrs G Dartford of Fenstanton Parish Council and having regard to the evidence presented and the advice of the Monitoring Officer, it was

RESOLVED

that no further action be taken in respect of the allegation against Councillor Mrs G Dartford 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