

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the REFERRALS (ASSESSMENT) SUB COMMITTEE held in Room MRO1a, Ground Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 3rd November 2011.

PRESENT: Mr P Boothman – Chairman.

Councillor A Hansard and Mr G Watkins.

62. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 21st October 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor A Hansard declared a personal interest in Minute No. 66 post as the Councillor against whom the complaint had been made was also a Member of the District Council's Conservative Group.

64. 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.

65. EXCLUSION OF 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 a Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000.

66. PRE ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO. 48

By reference to a code of conduct complaint form (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Monitoring Officer described the allegations which had been made regarding the conduct of a Councillor serving on Huntingdonshire District Council. A copy of the Councillor's registration of interest form also is appended in the Minute Book.

The Monitoring Officer also circulated at the meeting an extract from Standards for England's Case Review on an interpretation of the phrase "treat others with respect".

67. CASE NO. 48 - INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Having considered the allegation made in the complaint against Councillor S Akthar of Huntingdonshire District Council seeking the advice of the Monitoring Officer as appropriate, it was

RESOLVED

that the complaint be not investigated but referred to the Monitoring Officer for other action for the reasons set out in the "Decision Notice – Referral for Other Action" appended to these Minutes.

Chairman