

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the REFERRALS (ASSESSMENT) SUB COMMITTEE held in Room MR3.1, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Friday, 10 September 2010.

PRESENT: Mr P Boothman – Chairman.

Councillor Mrs B E Boddington and Mr G Watkins.

### **7. MINUTES**

As those present were not in attendance at the last meeting they were of the view that it would not be appropriate for them to confirm the Minutes and therefore these were deferred for signature to the next meeting.

### **8. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

### **9. 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.

### **10. 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.

### **11. PRE-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO. 34**

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;
- ◆ e-mails dated 26th July to 2nd August 2010;
- ◆ copies of photographs;

- ◆ news item on website - support St. Neots.org.uk; and
- ◆ registration of interest form - Councillor K Churchill.

## **12. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE NO. 34**

Having considered the allegations made in the case of Councillor S M Van De Kerkhove 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 S M Van De Kerkhove 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