

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the REFERRALS (ASSESSMENT) SUB COMMITTEE held in Room CVSO 1B, Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 10 February 2011.

PRESENT: Mr M Lynch – Chairman
Councillor A Hansard and Mr J Alexander.

31. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 21st December 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. PRE-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO. 40

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 letter of complaint to the Monitoring Officer dated 20th January 2011;
- ◆ Further statement by Councillor M F Shellens; and
- ◆ Declaration of financial and other interests and various changes to it were available to inspect at the meeting.

A copy of a letter received from the Councillor against whom the complaint had been made, which had been received after the despatch of the agenda, also was circulated (a copy of which also is appended in the Minute Book).

36. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE NO. 40

Having considered the allegation made in the complaint against Councillor J J Dutton 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