

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – PANEL HEARING

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Standards Committee held on
Thursday 11 November 2010 at 10.00 am in the Committee Suite,
King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

PRESENT:

Mr M Sale (Independent Member and Chairman)
Mr D Shepperson (Parish Member) and Councillor A Tyler

Also in attendance: Teresa Campion (Investigating Officer)

Jacqui Bullen (Legal Advisor)
Wendy Vincent (Democratic Services Officer)

Miss S Garvie, Hawkins Solicitors representing Dersingham
Parish Councillor John Houston

Councillors I Goodson, E Langford and C Walters for training purposes only

**TO CONSIDER THE LOCAL INVESTIGATION AS TO AN ALLEGATION
AGAINST PARISH COUNCILLOR MR JOHN HOUSTON OF DERSINGHAM
PARISH COUNCIL (23/10)**

The Chairman announced that Councillor Houston's solicitor was present and would invite her comments following the introduction of those present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions. He explained that Councillors Goodson, Langford and Walters were members of the Standards Committee and were present for training purposes only and would not participate in the proceedings.

The Chairman invited the Investigating Officer to outline the information presented by Councillor Houston's solicitor.

The Investigating Officer advised that Councillor Houston had tendered his resignation as a Parish Councillor of Dersingham Parish Council. His solicitor had copies of the letter which had been delivered to her on 10 November 2010.

The Chairman enquired if the resignation was with immediate effect and had been delivered to the Parish Clerk. In response, the Investigating Officer confirmed that it had been sent to the Parish Clerk and to the Borough Council's Monitoring Officer.

Councillor Houston's solicitor provided background information relating to the pre-hearing summary and requested that the Panel give consideration to adjournment.

Following legal advice, the Panel agreed to adjourn the Panel Hearing to a date to be convened prior to the Christmas holiday.

RESOLVED: That the Panel Hearing be adjourned to a date to be convened to determine a final decision.

The meeting closed at 10.11 am