

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE – LOCAL ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Local Assessment Sub-Committee  
held on Thursday 24 March 2011,  
at 10.12 am in Meeting Room 2, Ground Floor, King's Court,  
Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

**PRESENT:**

Mr G Brierley (Chairman – Independent Member)  
Mr J Dawson (Parish Representative) and Councillor C Walters

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Nicola Leader - Monitoring Officer  
Wendy Vincent - Democratic Services Officer

**1. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act."

**2. Declaration of Interests**

The Monitoring Officer advised the Local Assessment Sub-Committee that she had spoken to Standards for England, and explained that all Members of the Borough Council's Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer would have an interest to declare and be comprised in relation to complaint 03/11.

Standards for England had advised the Monitoring Officer that the Local Assessment Sub-Committee would initially need to determine whether there was sufficient information to determine if the complaint warranted further investigation. If the decision of Sub-Committee was that the complaint warranted further investigation, then the Monitoring Officer would refer the complaint to Standards for England to undertake the investigation.

**3. To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (Complaint 03/11)**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the Monitoring Officer's report. The purpose of the Sub-Committee was to consider the complaint against the

assessment criteria agreed by the Standards Committee on 23 June 2008 and to reach one of the three following decisions:

- Refer the allegation to the Monitoring Officer which under section 57A(3) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, may be another authority – for investigation or some other action such as mediation or training.
- Refer the allegation to the Standards Board for England.
- Decide that no action should be taken in respect of the allegation.

The Sub-Committee considered the complaint against the criteria agreed by the Standards Committee at their meeting on 23 June 2008.

## **DECISION**

### Allegations 1 and 2

The Sub-Committee unanimously decided that no action should be taken in respect of the allegations 1 and 2.

### Allegations 3 and 4

The Sub-Committee decided that the Monitoring Officer be requested to refer allegations 3 and 4 to Standards for England for investigation, as all Members of the Borough Council's Standards Committee would have to declare an interest and would feel compromised in relation to the complaint.

**The Meeting closed at 10.35 am**