

**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 17 December 2009,  
at 9.30 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,  
Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn**

**PRESENT:**

Mr M Sale (Chairman – Independent Member)  
Mr J Dawson (Parish Representative) and Councillor I Goodson

**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**

There were none.

**3. To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (Complaint 16/09)**

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**

The decision of the Sub-Committee was read out:

### Allegation 1

The Sub-Committee referred the allegation to the Monitoring Officer under Section 57A(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 for investigation.

### Allegation 2

The allegation would not be referred for investigation at this stage. However, the Monitoring Officer may seek further and better particulars of the allegation if the investigation into the first allegation disclosed a breach of the Code. In the event of any information obtained by the Monitoring Officer at her discretion disclosed a potential breach of the Code, the allegation shall be referred back to the Local Assessment Sub-Committee for further consideration.

4. **To consider further information obtained by the Monitoring relating to complaint 14/09**

The Monitoring Officer presented further information obtained in relation to complaint 14/09 (allegation (a)).

**DECISION:** That allegation (a) be referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation.

**The Meeting closed at 9.55 am**