

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

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

**Minutes of the Local Assessment Sub-Committee  
held on Tuesday 1 November 2011,  
at 10.30 am in Meeting Room 4, King's Court,  
Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

**PRESENT:**

Mr M Sale (Chairman – Independent Member)  
Mr R Steward (Independent Member)  
Mr D Shepperson (Parish Representative)

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Nicola Leader - Monitoring Officer  
Rebecca Parker - 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**

Members declared that two of the complaints under consideration were against a Parish Councillor who was also a member of the Borough Council's Standards Committee. They confirmed that they had no close association with the Councillor and had only met him in connection with business conducted by the Standards Committee. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that she had consulted with Standards for England on this issue in the past and had been advised that unless a close association existed there was no bar to Members dealing with allegations about Councillors who also served on the Standards Committee.

**3. To consider the reports of the Monitoring Officer (Complaints 06/11, 12/11, 13/11 and 14/11)**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the Monitoring Officer's reports and verbal update. The purpose of the Sub-Committee was to consider the complaints 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 Standards for England.
- Decide that no action should be taken in respect of the allegation.

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

## **DECISIONS**

### Complaint 06/11 – Allegation 2

The Sub-Committee referred the allegation to the Monitoring Officer for investigation under Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.

### Complaint 12/11

The Sub-Committee referred the allegation to the Monitoring Officer for investigation under Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.

### Complaint 13/11

The Sub-Committee referred the allegation to the Monitoring Officer for investigation under Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.

### Complaint 14/11

The Sub-Committee referred the allegation to the Monitoring Officer for investigation under Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.

**The Meeting closed at 10.53am**