

Standards Committee - Assessment Sub-Committee

Monday, 1st February, 2010

PRESENT:

Independent Members

Mike Wilkinson (Chair)

Councillors

D Blackburn C Campbell

Parish Members

Councillor Paul Cook Parish Member

23 **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

24 **Case Reference 0910010**

The above complaint was submitted to the Assessment Sub-Committee for consideration.

As the Monitoring Officer had a conflict of interest in the complaint, she was not in attendance at the meeting. The Head of Governance Services had made arrangements for another authority's Monitoring Officer to be on call to advise the Sub-Committee, if needed.

The Assessment Sub-Committee was minded to refer the complaint for local investigation. It was noted that as both the Monitoring Officer and the Deputy Monitoring Officer had a conflict of interest in this complaint, the Monitoring Officer would need to nominate a Monitoring Officer of another local authority to oversee the investigation.

RESOLVED – The Assessment Sub-Committee resolved:

- That the subject Member may have potentially breached the Code of Conduct in all the circumstances of the complaint; and
- To refer all the allegations in the complaint to the Monitoring Officer for local investigation.