

Standards Committee - Assessment Sub-Committee

Monday, 13th December, 2010

PRESENT:

Independent Members

Joanne Austin (Chair)

Councillors

E Nash

B Gettings

4 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.

5 Case Reference 1011001

A 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 was in attendance to advise the Assessment Sub-Committee as required.

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.

The Assessment Sub-Committee was also informed that a previous complaint regarding the same subject Member had been referred for investigation, which was currently ongoing and was being overseen by the Monitoring Officer of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. As the allegations being investigated were related to the complaint before the Assessment Sub-Committee, it was agreed that it would be sensible to include the allegations from this case into the ongoing investigation.

RESOLVED – The Assessment Sub-Committee resolved:

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

6 Lessons to Learn

The Assessment Sub-Committee did not consider that there were any lessons to learn as a result of this case.