

## Standards Committee - Assessment Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 27th April, 2011

### PRESENT:

#### Independent Members

Gordon Tollefson (Chair)

#### Councillors

E Nash                      R D Feldman

#### Parish Members

Councillor Mrs P Walker

### **7      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.

### **8      Case Reference 1011002**

The Monitoring Officer submitted the above complaint to the Assessment Sub-Committee for consideration. The Deputy Monitoring Officer was in attendance at the meeting to advise the Sub-Committee on any procedural issues.

The Assessment Sub-Committee agreed that the complaint was about a Member of Leeds City Council, that the subject Member was in office at the time of the alleged conduct, and that the Code of Conduct was in force at the time.

The Assessment Sub-Committee then considered whether the complaint, if proven, would be a breach of the Code of Conduct under which the Member was operating at the time of the alleged misconduct.

The Assessment Sub-Committee agreed that the subject Member was acting, claiming to act, or giving the impression they were acting in their official capacity during the incident.<sup>1</sup>

After considering all paragraphs of the Code of Conduct, the Assessment Sub-Committee agreed that there was no potential breach of the Code of Conduct disclosed in the complaint.

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<sup>1</sup> Councillors Feldman and Nash required that it be recorded that they voted against this decision.

**RESOLVED** – The Assessment Sub-Committee decided to take no further action in relation to the allegations.

## **9 Lessons to Learn**

The Assessment Sub-Committee agreed that all Members should be advised (via their Group Whip) to consider carefully any e-mails that are sent from their Council e-mail address.