
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4 DECEMBER 2014

Present -

MEMBERS:

Borough Councillors: Cllr Mrs Green (Chairman), Councillors Ayling, Mrs Flint and C Wyatt-Lowe (Substitute Member).

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES:

Councillor McCarthy (Aldbury Parish Council)
Councillor Collins (Berkhamsted Town Council)

INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rachel Keil (Independent Person)

OFFICERS:

Steven Baker, Assistant Director (Chief Executive's Unit) and Monitoring Officer, Mark Brookes, Group Manager (Legal Governance) Kayley Johnston and Pauline Bowles, Members Support Officers

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 were confirmed by the Members present and were then signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Rance and Amy Wilcox (Independent Co-Opted Representative).

3. REVIEW TRAINING FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The training session was introduced by Steven Baker. It was based around a completely fictitious complaint made by an officer against a member of Dacorum Borough Council. Members were asked to consider how they would approach conducting a hearing into the complaint. Mark Brookes, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, also attended to speak about his investigation report and to take questions by Members.

Chairman

Members were asked, in consultation with the Independent Person, to arrive at a decision as to whether or not the Councillor involved had failed to follow the Code of Conduct and, if so, the reasons for their decision and what action, if any, should be taken against the Councillor.

The Corporate Objective of the session was as follows:

The promotion and maintenance high standards of conduct by Members of the Council will assist the Council in achieving its priorities of performance excellence and reputation and profile delivery.

Evaluation sheets were given out to the Members present and will be considered by the Member Development Steering Group.

The Chairman thanked Steven Baker and Mark Brookes for an interesting session and for the work involved in its preparation.

4. DATE OF NEXT STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the following date be noted:

Thursday 5 March 2015

The meeting ended at 21:04 pm.

Chairman