
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

17 September 2015

Present -

MEMBERS:

Borough Councillors: Cllr Taylor (Chairman) Maddern, Matthews and Tindall.

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES:

Councillor McCarthy (Aldbury Parish Council)

INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES

John Ebdon and Brendan Henry

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rachel Keil (Independent Person)

OFFICERS:

Steven Baker, Assistant Director (Chief Executive's Unit)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2015 were confirmed by the Members present and were then signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

3. TRAINING FOR MEMBERS ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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.

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.

Action: None

Outcome: Report was noted.

4. DATE OF NEXT STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 10 December 2015

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

None

The meeting ended at: