

# M MINUTES

meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE (ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE)**

date: **13 JANUARY 2011**

## **PRESENT:-**

Councillors Gwinnett and Turner  
Mr K R Aithal and Mr A W Lee (Independent Members)

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-**

M Webb - Group Manager (Corporate & Commercial Services) - Solicitor  
L Banbury - Democratic Support Officer, Office of the Chief Executive

**Wolverhampton**  
City Council



## **PART I – OPEN ITEMS**

### **Election of Chairman**

- 54 Resolved:-  
That Mr K R Aithal be elected as Chairman for this meeting.

### **Declarations of Interest**

- 55 No interests were declared.

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

- 56 Resolved:-  
That in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from consideration of the items of business in Part II of the Agenda, on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, exempt information falling within paragraph 7c of Schedule 12A to the Act (information presented to a Standards Committee following written allegation under section 58 of the Local Government Act 2000) is likely to be disclosed.

## **PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS**

### **Report of an Investigation into a Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/27)**

The Group Manager presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of an allegation concerning a Member of the Council (Case Number 15).

The Sub-Committee noted that action had already been taken by the Chief Executive in relation to the inappropriate behaviour of some Council Members, following the meeting of full Council on 3 November 2010, via the Leaders of the political groups. It was, therefore:-

- 57 Resolved:-  
That, in accordance with Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no further action should be taken in connection with the complaint.

### **Report of an Investigation into a Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/28)**

The Group Manager presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of an allegation concerning a Member of the Council (Case Number 20).

The Sub-Committee noted that action had already been taken by the Chief Executive in relation to the inappropriate behaviour of some Council Members, following the meeting of full Council on 3 November 2010, via the Leaders of the political groups. It was, therefore:-

58 Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no further action should be taken in connection with the complaint.

**Report of an Investigation into a Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/29)**

The Group Manager presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of an allegation concerning a Member of the Council (Case Number 16).

The Sub-Committee noted that action had already been taken by the Chief Executive in relation to the inappropriate behaviour of some Council Members, following the meeting of full Council on 3 November 2010, via the Leaders of the political groups. It was, therefore:-

59 Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no further action should be taken in connection with the complaint.

**Report of an Investigation into a Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/30)**

The Group Manager presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of an allegation concerning a Member of the Council (Case Number 21).

The Sub-Committee noted that action had already been taken by the Chief Executive in relation to the inappropriate behaviour of some Council Members, following the meeting of full Council on 3 November 2010, via the Leaders of the political groups. It was, therefore:-

60 Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no further action should be taken in connection with the complaint.

**Report of an Investigation into a Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/31)**

The Group Manager presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of an allegation concerning a Member of the Council (Case Number 18).

The Sub-Committee noted that the complaint was received from Standards for England on 16 November 2010. On 30 November 2010, the Deputy Monitoring Officer spoke to the complainant who stated that his complaint was handed in to the Civic Centre in February and a receipt obtained. There was no record of receipt. The Sub-Committee were of the view that the complainant had not submitted enough information to satisfy them that the complaint should be referred for investigation or other action and it was, therefore:-

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Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no further action should be taken in connection with the complaint.

**Report of an Investigation into a Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/32)**

The Group Manager presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of an allegation concerning a Member of the Council (Case Number 19).

The Sub-Committee noted that the complaint was received from Standards for England on 16 November 2010. On 30 November 2010, the Deputy Monitoring Officer spoke to the complainant who stated that his complaint was handed in to the Civic Centre in February and a receipt obtained. There was no record of receipt. The Sub-Committee were of the view that the complainant had not submitted enough information to satisfy them that the complaint should be referred for investigation or other action and it was, therefore:-

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Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no further action should be taken in connection with the complaint.

**Report of an Investigation into a Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/33)**

The Group Manager presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of an allegation concerning a Member of the Council.

The Sub-Committee noted that the complaint was received from Standards for England on 16 November 2010. On 30 November 2010, the Deputy Monitoring Officer spoke to the complainant who stated that his complaint was handed in to the Civic Centre in February and a receipt obtained. There was no record of receipt. The Sub-Committee further noted that the subject of this complaint had actually ceased to be a Member of the Council in May 2010. The Sub-Committee were of the view that the complainant had not submitted enough information to satisfy them that the complaint should be referred for investigation or other action and it was, therefore:-

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Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 57A(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no further action should be taken in connection with the complaint.