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meeting: **STANDARDS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **28 JULY 2011**

PRESENT:-

Councillors Mrs Bradley and O'Neill

Mr G W Hurd and Mr J Harris (Independent Members)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Delivery Directorate

L Banbury	-	Democratic Support Officer
J Hopkins	-	Litigation Manager

Wolverhampton
City Council



Election of Chair

- 20 Resolved:-
That Mr G W Hurd be elected as Chair for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

- 21 Councillor Singh had withdrawn from the Sub-Committee as he believed he had a prejudicial interest in the matter to be considered at agenda item 5. Councillor O'Neill agreed to substitute for him.

Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 16)

A report was presented, which outlined a request from a complainant for a review of the decision made by the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee on 21 April 2011 to take no action in respect of an allegation that a Member had failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct. The documentation presented to the meeting on 21 April and the minutes of that meeting were circulated with the agenda papers, together with the request for review by the complainant and an email providing background information from the subject of the original complaint. Section 3 of the report outlined the remit of the Review Sub-Committee and the options available to them in determining this matter.

The Sub-Committee noted that the Councillor had sought legal advice prior to declaring a personal interest at the Planning Committee and that training had been provided for all Members of that Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Assessment Sub-Committee. The training was held prior to the meeting of the Planning Committee on 24 May 2011 and included declarations of interests.

The Sub-Committee concluded that the findings of the Assessment Sub-Committee were consistent, logical and appropriate and it was:-

- 22 Resolved:-
That the decision of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee of 21 April 2011 be endorsed and that no further action be taken in this matter.