

MINUTES

meeting: **STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **22 DECEMBER 2011**

PRESENT:-

Councillors Gwinnett and O'Neill
Mr G W Hurd and Mr J Harris (Independent Members)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Delivery Directorate

L Banbury	-	Democratic Support Officer
F Davis	-	Group Manager (Advocacy Services)

Wolverhampton
City Council



Election of Chair

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

Mr Hurd in the Chair

Declarations of Interest

- 39 No interests were declared.

Exclusion of Press and Public

- 40 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 7a of Schedule 12A to the Act (information presented to a Standards Committee under section 58 of the local Government Act 2000) is likely to be disclosed.

Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 22)

A report was presented which informed the Sub-Committee of a complaint, received by the Council's Monitoring Officer, that a Member of the Council had failed to follow the Members' Code of Conduct. It was the role of this Sub-Committee to decide whether any action should be taken in connection with the complaint and, if so, the nature of the action. The report outlined the options available to the members in this respect.

Having carefully considered the complaint, the Sub-Committee:-

- 41 Resolved:-
That the matter be referred to the City Council's Monitoring Officer in order for the issue to be dealt with via mediation or conciliation. In reaching their decision, the Sub-Committee drew attention to the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct and the need to have respect for other Council Members and to strive for a good working relationship in the interests of the Council.