STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Monday 27 January 2003

PRESENT:-

Councillor SKILTON (Chairman); Councillor TESO (Deputy Chairman), Councillor Mrs GOODALL and Mr A HOBDEN (Independent Representative).

3. MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2002 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as otherwise there was a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972. The relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A is shown beneath the items.

5. SUMMARY OF CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS FOR INFORMATION.

(NOTE: The full minutes of the undermentioned items are set out in the confidential section of these minutes. The reports, other statements made to the Committee and its deliberations remain confidential).

a) INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF COUNCILLOR A. (Monitoring Officer's reference MO/1/2). The Committee, following consideration of the Monitoring Officer's report and statements and representations received, resolved as follows:

(1) That Councillor A's behaviour was in breach of Paragraphs 2(b) and 4 of the Members' Code of Conduct.
(2) That Councillor A's behaviour was also in breach of the following parts of Paragraph 2 of the Protocol regarding Conduct between Members, namely:

- Members are required to show respect and courtesy.
- Members are required to avoid making derogatory remarks of a personal nature.
- Members are required to avoid making allegations about other Members that cannot be substantiated.

(3) That no further action be taken.
(4) That guidance be issued to all Members of the Council on the requirements of the Code of Conduct.
(5) That the information received by the Committee should not be made available for public inspection, including the councillor's name.

(Exempt information reason – Paragraph 1 – Information relating to councillors).

(NOTE: The Committee resolved that the identity of the councillor, the subject of this complaint, should not be disclosed. Accordingly, the councillor is referred to as "Councillor A".)

b) MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS. The Committee noted the receipt of two alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.

(Exempt information reason – Paragraph 1 – Information relating to councillors).

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

M Skilton
Chairman

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