
MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE	6 NOVEMBER 2009
PRESENT	MRS BAINTON (INDEPENDENT MEMBER, IN THE CHAIR) COUNCILLOR FORSTER (PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER) COUNCILLOR HUDSON (CYC MEMBER)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda. No interests were declared.

2. PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HEARING

Members agreed that the hearing should take place in private and in the presence of the subject member.

3. COMPLAINT AGAINST A MEMBER OF CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Members considered a complaint made against a member of City of York Council, which had been referred to the Hearings Sub-Committee for determination following an investigation.

The complaint related to an allegation that the subject member had failed to comply with paragraphs 9(1), 4, 5(a) and 12(1)(a) of the Code of Conduct. The investigator had found that the subject member had failed to comply with paragraph 9(1), by failing to declare a personal interest, but had not failed to comply with the other paragraphs of the Code. Having considered the investigator's report, on 23 October 2009, the Assessment Sub-Committee had decided to refer the matter to the Hearings Sub-Committee to determine whether the subject member had in fact failed to comply with paragraph 9(1) of the Code and, if so, whether a sanction should be imposed.

The subject member attended the hearing and made a statement.

Having considered all the evidence before them, including the final report of the investigator, the decision notice issued following the Assessment Sub-Committee meeting on 23 October, and the statement made by the subject member, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED: (i) That the subject member did not fail to comply with paragraph 9(1) of the Council's Code of Conduct.

(ii) That the Chair and Monitoring Officer be authorised to produce a notice of this decision, to be approved by all members of this Sub-Committee before it is issued to the relevant parties.

REASON: To ensure that the Sub-Committee's decision and reasons are properly worded and recorded.

C Bainton, Chair

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.25 pm].