

STANDARDS HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 APRIL AT 9.30 AM AT SARUM COLLEGE, 19 THE CLOSE, SALISBURY

Present:	Mr M Cronin His Hon D MacLaren Webster QC Cllr M Hewson	Independent Member Parish Council Member Wiltshire Council Member
	Mrs M Lindsay Cllr P Evans	Investigating Officer Subject Member
	Mr I Gibbons	Monitoring Officer, Wiltshire Council - Legal Adviser to the Sub- Committee
	Miss J Green	Democratic Services Officer, Wiltshire Council – Clerk to the Sub- Committee

PART I

Items considered whilst the meeting was open to the public

1. **Election of Chairman**

In accordance with the requirement that the hearing is chaired by an independent member, Mr M Cronin was confirmed as Chairman.

Mr M Cronin in the Chair

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared as material to the fair hearing of the proceedings.

3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Chairman asked the Subject Member and Investigating Officer if they had any objections to the hearing proceeding with the public present. Both confirmed they had no objections. The Sub-Committee agreed that the matter should be heard in public in the interests of openness and transparency.

4. **Standards Committee Hearing**

In accordance with the procedure for determination hearings circulated with the agenda the hearing was conducted in three stages, addressing firstly findings of fact, secondly the question of whether there had been a breach of the Code and finally the matter of sanctions.

At each stage the Investigator and Subject Member were given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee, and each Member of the Sub-Committee had the opportunity to question them.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider its decision at each stage of the hearing and on its return the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's findings as detailed in the attached Decision Notice.

The Clerk attended the Sub-Committee's deliberations to record their decision at each stage, and the Legal Adviser was present to advise and assist on matters of law and procedure.

Resolved:

To determine the complaint as set out in the attached Decision Notice.

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

There were none.

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