

# **Standards Committee**

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# **REPORT**

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## **COMPLAINTS TO STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND**

### **1. Purpose of Report :**

To report to the Committee the outcome of complaint to the Standards Board for England.

### **2. Background :**

- 2.1 A complaint was received by the Board alleging that Councillors Kevin Wren and John Cole - Morgan were in breach of Salisbury District Council's Code of Conduct in that they were responsible for a false statement at the council meeting on 28.06.2004 when they stated, erroneously, that information published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister was available from the Tenant Participation Officer and that tenants were encouraged to be involved in contributing to the local tenants' magazine.
- 2.2 The Monitoring Officer has been notified by the Board that it has considered the complaint and decided that the alleged conduct [even if it were found to have occurred] is not of such significance of itself to justify investigation and any consequent action.

### **3. Recommendations**

That the Committee notes this report.

### **4. Background Papers:**

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2004 from the Board.

### **5. Implications:**

- **Financial** : None
- **Legal** : None
- **Human Rights** : any interference with Article 8 [the right to a private life] is in accordance with the law [the Local Government Act 2000 and regulations made under it] and proportionate and reasonable in a democratic society [ensuring transparent, open and accountable government]
- **Personnel** : None
- **Community Safety** : None
- **Environmental** : None
- **Council's Core Values** : being fair and equitable
- **Wards Affected** : Upper Bourne, Idmiston & Winterbourne and Donhead