



NOTICE OF MEETING

Standards Committee - Determination Hearing Panel

THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 2009 at 10:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

COUNCILLOR Councillors Dodds and Winskill
MEMBERS:

INDEPENDENT Mr Batterham, Ms Chambers, Ms Sykes
MEMBERS:

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)**
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE DETERMINATION HEARING PANEL FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

4. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- (i) Outline of Hearing process
- (ii) The Determination Hearing Panel will be recommended to exclude the Public and Press in order to consider the lifting of the exempt classification on certain documents to be considered at this hearing, circulated as exempt documents.

Please note that the documents if released will be in a redacted form.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The following item is likely to be subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contains exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; namely information relating to any individual, and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and also in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 (regulation 5), and Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RELEASE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION WITHIN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN DURING THE PUBLIC PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS

7. RE-INCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

8. DETERMINATION OF COMPLAINT SC003/089 - COUNCILLOR AITKEN (PAGES 1 - 534)

Documents for consideration:

- (i) Report of the Monitoring Officer
- (ii) Pre-Hearing process summary
- (iii) Agenda contents list detailing summary of documentation
- (iv) Appendices 1 to 8

9. CONSIDERATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL PROCEDURAL POINTS

10. DELIBERATIONS OF THE HEARING PANEL ON DISPUTED MATTERS OF FACT

The Panel, having heard the representations of the parties concerned and considered the evidence, including any witnesses, will then deliberate.

All parties other than the Panel Members, Legal Adviser to the Panel, and Committee Manager will withdraw from the proceedings.

All parties will be invited back in to the proceedings. The Chair of the Determination Hearing will give the decision of the Panel.

11. DELIBERATIONS OF THE HEARING PANEL AS TO WHETHER ON THE FACTS THERE HAS BEEN A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Panel, having heard the representations of the parties concerned and considered the evidence, including any witnesses, will then deliberate.

All parties other than the Panel Members, Legal Adviser to the Panel, and Committee Manager will withdraw from the proceedings.

All parties will be invited back in to the proceedings. The Chair of the Determination Hearing will give the decision of the Panel.

12. DELIBERATIONS OF THE HEARING PANEL AS TO SANCTION TO BE IMPOSED IN THE EVENT THAT A FAILURE TO COMPLY IS FOUND

The Panel, having considered Form C and heard the representations of the parties concerned will then deliberate.

All parties other than the Panel Members, Legal Adviser to the Panel, and Committee Manager will withdraw from the proceedings.

All parties will be invited back in to the proceedings. The Chair of the Determination Hearing will give the decision of the Panel.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

The Panel will consider recommendations from the investigating officer and will decide whether to make any recommendations to the Council with a view to promoting a high standard of conduct.

14. SUMMARY WRITTEN DECISION

The Panel will produce a short summary decision in writing. A full written decision will be approved by all Panel Members as soon as practicable and will be communicated to the parties.

Ken Pryor
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