

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES/MONITORING OFFICER

<p>COMPLAINT AGAINST CLLR MICHAEL LEVY</p> <p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 4 November 2013</p>	<p>Classification</p> <p>Public Investigator's report</p> <p>Exempt</p>	<p>Enclosures</p> <p>Investigator's report</p> <p>Documentation submitted by Cllr Levy</p> <p>Decision of the Assessment Sub-Committee</p>
	<p>Witness statements correspondence</p>	
	<p>Ward(s) affected</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 On 23 February 2013 Cllr Vincent Stops submitted a written complaint against Cllr Michael Levy, relating to his alleged conduct at Planning Sub-Committee on 1 February 2012.
- 1.2 On 29 March 2012 Standard Assessment Sub-Committee considered the complaint and ordered an investigation into the complaint. The matter was referred to the Deputy Monitoring Officer/Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Services to investigate.
- 1.3 Regrettably for a number of confidential reasons the investigation did not proceed at the speed that both the Monitoring Officer and her Deputy would have liked. The matter was therefore delayed for which an apology is extended to both Cllrs Stops and Levy.
- 1.4 On 6 June 2013 the Investigator's report was presented to Assessment Sub-Committee and a decision was made to refer the matter for a full hearing by Standards Committee
- 1.5 A hearing was scheduled for 14 October 2013 but Cllr Levy advised that he would not be available on that date and asked that it be scheduled for 4 November 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Standards Committee is requested to hear Cllr Stops' complaint against Cllr Levy.

3. RELATED DECISIONS

- 3.1 Reports of 29 March 2012 and 6 June 2013 to Assessment Sub-Committee.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. COMMENTS OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

5.1 The original complaint was made under the previous Code of Conduct. A new Code of Conduct came to existence under the Localism Act 2012 on 1 July 2012. This complaint is being dealt with under the new Code of Conduct.

5.2 The Investigator concluded his investigation in May 2013 and found evidence of breaches of paragraph 1.1, 1.2 and 6.1 of the Planning Code of Practice. He also found evidence of breach of paragraph 11.3 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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Investigator's report

Documentation submitted by Cllr Levy

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