

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
ADJUDICATION & REVIEW - (STANDARDS - HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE)  
Committee Room 2 - Town Hall  
27 March 2014 (6.00 - 6.30 pm)**

**Present:**

**COUNCILLORS**

**Conservative Group** Frederick Thompson (Chairman)

**Labour Group** Denis O'Flynn

**Independent Residents Group** Michael Deon Burton

Councillor Damian White was in attendance as an observer.

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillor John Mylod.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

**1 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that if members of the public were present it was likely that, given the nature of the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which could reveal information relating to an individual.

**2 CASE NOS. CO35/13, CO36/13, CO37/13 & CO38/13: COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION AND REPORT**

Following the meeting of the Initial Assessment Panel held on 17 September, 2013 the Monitoring Officer had appointed an Investigating Officer to formally investigate those elements of the complaints which related to the comments made in the newspaper interview.

We agreed that Councillor A be given an opportunity to provide a response to the Investigating Officers report. This opportunity was declined and both Councillor A and the Investigating Officer were asked to leave whilst we made our deliberations.

We have accepted the recommendation of the Investigating Officer that Councillor A had not breached the Code of Conduct. However, we have asked the Monitoring Officer to speak to Councillor A explaining that to engage in a public dispute such as this, even if not in his capacity as a councillor could bring the Council in to disrepute.

The Chairman abstained from voting on these decisions.

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**Chairman**