

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: MINUTES

Date: Friday 1st October 2010

Time: 2.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

Place: Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors K Churchill, P Downes, V Lucas, J Powley and T Sadiq

Independent members: Mr D Boreham, Dr K Gaseltine and Mrs M Sanders

Also in attendance: Councillor G Harper

Officers: Q Baker and M Brown

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Arising from Minute 37 (Report to Update Standards Committee on Other Action), the Committee asked for an update on the further action which the Monitoring Officer was asked to take in response to the complaint submitted against Councillor L Wilson. The Monitoring Officer advised that he had written to Councillor Wilson, as requested by the Committee, expressing the Committee's concern and regret that Councillor Wilson had felt unable to attend an awareness raising session and commenting that such a failure could be perceived as being a potential breach of the Code of Conduct. He indicated that there was no requirement for Councillor Wilson to respond and that no response had been received from Councillor Wilson. He confirmed that no further action could be taken on the complaint.

Councillor G Harper (Substitute Member) left the meeting at this point in the meeting so that he would not be prejudiced in any hearing relating to any further complaint made against Councillor Wilson.

The Committee discussed whether a further complaint could be made that Councillor Wilson's failure to attend the awareness raising session might be a breach of the Code of Conduct. It was noted that it was open for such a complaint to be made by the public or Member or Officer of the Council.

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