

## **REFERRALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 30th June, 2011 at 6.00 pm  
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

Mrs. V. Ainsworth (Independent Chairman)  
Councillors Ahmed and Kettle.

### **Officers**

Interim Assistant Director, Law and Governance and Mr J.Jablonski (both Directorate of Corporate Resources).

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#### **1            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member made a declaration of interest, in accordance with Members' Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

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#### **2            MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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#### **3            EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as specified below and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

##### **Item**

##### **Paragraph No**

Complaint: Members' Code of Conduct

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## COMPLAINT: MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The Sub-Committee considered a complaint of an alleged breach of the Members' Code of Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

### RESOLVED

1. That no further action be taken on the investigation of the complaint received for the following reasons:-

that the Sub-Committee took into account the Member's explanation that the matter complained of was an oversight; that an unreserved apology had been provided to the Council; that the matter was linked to an on going campaign in connection with a Council appointed role and that the other body concerned had decided not to take any further action.

2. That the Monitoring Officer be recommended: -

- (i) to request the Member concerned to attend a training session on the Members' Code of Conduct, the latest one being held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011;
- (ii) to ensure that the circumstances of this complaint be included in future New Member Induction sessions; and
- (iii) to arrange for all Members of the Council to be e-mailed and informed to be careful not to use the Council logo in election materials.

It was noted that the complainant had the right to request a review of the decision of this Sub-Committee by the Review Sub-Committee.

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The meeting ended at 6.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN