REFERRALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 5th January, 2011 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Mrs. V. Ainsworth (Independent Chairman) Councillors J. R. Davies and Kettle.

Officers

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

5 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.

6 <u>MINUTES</u>

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.

7 <u>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</u>

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.

<u>Item</u> <u>Paragraph No</u>

Complaint: Members' Code of

Conduct

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8 <u>COMPLAINT: MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT</u>

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.

Arising from consideration of this matter it was considered that should it proceed to investigation by the Monitoring Officer, given the detail already contained in the report submitted, there would, apart from the information to be requested for the hearings stage, not be a need to undertake much further detailed investigation.

RESOLVED

That the complaint be referred for local investigation by the Council's Monitoring Officer.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN