

STANDARDS ASSESSMENT PANEL

5 December 2013 at 7.00pm
PUBLIC

PRESENT:

Councillors Ball, Dheer and Popham.

Independent Non-Voting Member: Mr J Beastall (Chair).

Independent Person: Mr M Budd

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Bell and Dennehy, A Oram (Independent Investigator), H Harris (Director of Legal and Democratic Services), F Randle, (Solicitor for Cllr Bell), and Linda Zimmerman (Democratic Services)

1. Apologies

There were none

2. Urgent Matters

There were none.

3. Matters to be Considered in Private

The report to Item 5 contained confidential information and the debate was held in private session.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Matter of Concern regarding a Councillor

Resolved:

The Standards Assessment Panel:

- i. Noted that a complaint was made by Councillor Dennehy about Councillor Bell.
- ii. Noted that the independent investigator, after a full investigation, concluded that no breach of the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors had taken place.
- iii. Noted that Councillor Dennehy had withdrawn his complaint.
- iv. Considered that no further action is required in relation to the complaint, and
- v. Resolved that this decision should be published.

Reasons for decision

These are implicit in the decision reached.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Standards Committee will take place on 22nd January 2014.

JOHN BEASTALL (Chair)

The meeting finished at 8pm.