

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2010, AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Independent Members: Mr. N. A. Burke and Ms. K. J. Sharpe
Councillors: Miss D. H. Campbell JP and E. C. Tibby
Parish Councils' Representatives: Mr. I. A. Hodgetts and Mr. S. H. Malek
(substituting for Mr. J. Cypher)

Officers: Mrs. D. Warren and Ms. P. Ross

43/09 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Cypher, Parish Councils' Representative.

The Chairman further advised that, as one of the complainants in the matter under consideration, Councillor Mrs. A. E. Doyle would not be participating in the proceedings.

44/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

45/09 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee considered whether or not to exclude the public from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item No. 4; Investigating Officer's Final Report – Complaint References: 03/09 and 04/09. In doing so, the Committee considered whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, which the Committee agreed it did not.

RESOLVED that the public not be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Item No. 4 and that the report therefore be placed in the public domain.

46/09 **INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S FINAL REPORT - COMPLAINT REFERENCES: 03/09 & 04/09**

Further to a referral from the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee in July 2009, the Committee was asked to give consideration, under Regulation 17 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, to the Final Report of the Investigating Officer in relation to two allegations that Councillor P. McDonald had breached the Bromsgrove District Council Code of Conduct by disclosing confidential information. The Investigating Officer had made a

finding that Councillor McDonald had not failed to follow the Code of Conduct of Bromsgrove District Council.

RESOLVED that the Investigating Officer's finding of no failure ("a finding of acceptance") in relation to the allegations against Councillor McDonald be accepted.

The meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.

Chairman