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Date	Description
03.11.06	Investigating Officer (Debbie Warren) writes to Councillor Duddy stating that investigation SBE 16030.06 will be carried out and requesting that confidentiality is maintained.
15.11.06	Investigating Officer writes to Councillor Duddy enclosing copy of a statement based on discussions held. Includes reminder that investigation confidential until it enters the public domain.
17.11.06	Councillor Duddy e-mails Investigating Officer acknowledging receipt of 15 th November 2006 letter.
20.11.06	Investigating Officer writes to Councillor Duddy enclosing revised version of statement.
12.12.06	Investigating Officer writes to Councillor Duddy stating that draft report not finalised and, therefore, will not be considered at the 14 th December 2006 Standards Committee.
14.12.06	Standards Committee meeting
15.12.06	<p><u>Information from Councillor Peters' letter to SBE:</u></p> <p>Councillor Peters receives a telephone call from Peter Lammas of the Bromsgrove Advertiser, regarding a Standards Committee agenda item (Local investigation of complaint to the Standards Board) held the previous evening.</p> <p>Peter Lammas informs him that a fellow Councillor has given him details of the allegation and that it concerns Councillor Peters. When pressed, Peter Lammas confirms that Councillor Duddy is the source.</p> <p>Councillor Peters informs Peter Lammas that the information is confidential and should not be disclosed.</p>
15.12.06	<p><u>Information from Councillor Peters' letter to SBE:</u></p> <p>Councillor Peters reports telephone conversation to the Investigating Officer handling the investigation.</p>
19.12.06	Investigating Officer issues draft report to Councillor Duddy and Councillor Peters for comment. Accompanying letter states that as the report is in draft form it remains confidential.

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22.12.06	Councillor Peters writes to the Investigating Officer stating that he has received the draft report. Councillor Peters refers to a telephone call from the Bromsgrove Advertiser on 15 th December 2006 relating to the referral and suggests that the Investigating Officer may wish to investigate.
29.12.06	Investigating Officer e-mails the Monitoring Officer (Claire Felton) with details of Councillor Peters' letter dated 22 nd December 2006 and stating that she has written to Councillor Peters saying that she has referred his letter to the Monitoring Officer.
03.01.07	Investigating Officer returns Councillor Duddy's phone call a (from before Christmas) and records in a file note he has no comments to make on the draft report.
19.01.07	SBE16030.06 final report issued to Councillor Duddy, Councillor Peters and the members of the Standards Committee.
23.01.07	Monitoring Officer writes to Councillor Duddy enclosing Final Report; stating that she understands that there has been press interest and requesting that Councillor Duddy ensures that the report does not enter the public domain.
29.01.07	Councillor Duddy e-mails the Investigating Officer querying whether final report issued. Response from the Investigating Officer states it has been issued.
30.01.07	Investigating Officer e-mails Councillor Duddy advising that the Standards Committee determines when a report may enter the public domain and, therefore the reports remains confidential unless and until that determination is made.
01.02.07	Investigating Officer e-mails the Monitoring Officer copies of the 29 th and 30 th January 2007 e-mails that she and Councillor Duddy have exchanged.
01.02.07	<p><u>Information from Councillor Peters' letter to SBE:</u></p> <p>Councillor Peters receives a telephone call from Peter Lammas concerning the agenda for the 8th February 2007 Standards Committee. The information is purportedly from Councillor Duddy and reveals that Councillor Peters is the un-named Member and details of the allegation.</p>
04.02.07	Councillor Peters writes to the SBE regarding the conduct of Councillor Duddy.

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Date	Description
08.02.07	Standards Committee postponed until 21 st February 2007 with revised agenda.
21.02.07	Standards Committee meeting
21.03.07	Special Standards Committee meeting to conduct a hearing into complaint referred to SBE (SBE 16030.06). Agreed by subject of complaint (Councillor Peters) and Investigating Officer (Debbie Warren) that the matter should be dealt with in the public domain.