

## Minutes

**Standards Committee Hearing Sub-Committee**  
**Thursday, 28 May 2009**  
**Meeting held at Committee Room 3a - Civic**  
**Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW**



**Come into effect on: Immediately**

**Present:** Allan Edwards (Chairman), Councillors Corthorne and Khursheed

**Officers Present:** Messrs Alagh, Johal and White

**Also Present:** Claire Lefort, Independent Investigator

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest in matters coming before this meeting.

**Exclusion of the press and public:** It was agreed that all items of business were considered in private.

**1. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER - COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS MICHAEL MARKHAM, EDWARD LAVERY AND ALLAN KAUFFMAN - REVISED MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Hearing Sub-Committee considered the allegations made by Councillor David Allam and Councillor Anita MacDonalad that Councillors Michael Markham, Edward Lavery and Allan Kauffman had contravened certain provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct which they had undertaken in writing to observe.

The Monitoring Officer, Raj Alagh, explained the process involved to Members. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the investigation report and then decide what the next stage should be.

Claire Lefort, the independent investigator, appointed by the Monitoring Officer, answered Members' questions on her report and Members unanimously agreed to accept the Monitoring Officer's finding of no failure ("a finding of acceptance").

**Resolved: That**

- 1. the Monitoring Officer's finding of no failure be accepted.**
- 2. the Monitoring Officer notify the two complainants and the Subject Members accordingly.**
- 3. the Monitoring Officer arrange for any necessary statutory notices to be published.**

**Other information**

This item was considered in the private part of the meeting, in accordance with paragraph 7C of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains

information presented to a Standards Committee, or to a Sub-Committee of a Standards Committee, set up to consider any matter under Regulations 13 or 16 to 20 of the Standards Committee [England] Regulations 2008, or referred under section 58[1][c] of the Local Government Act 2000.