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# Standards Committee Hearing Sub-Committee

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Councillors Corthorne, Khursheed,  
and Lewis

**Date:** TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER  
2011

**Time:** 10.00 AM

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOM 4A -  
CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH  
STREET, UXBRIDGE UB8  
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**Meeting  
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# Agenda

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Hearing Into Complaint of alleged breach of Members' Code of Conduct.

## **PRE HEARING SUMMARY**

1. The London Borough of Hillingdon's Standards Committee, Hearings Sub-Committee will meet on **13 December 2011 at 10am in Committee Room 4a, Civic Centre, Uxbridge** to hear an allegation made by Councillor Janet Duncan that Councillor Anita MacDonald (the Subject Member) has contravened paragraphs 3(1), 3(2)(b) and 5 of the Members' Code of Conduct which she has undertaken in writing to observe.
2. The particulars of the allegation, as summarised, are that that, during the course of an exchange of email correspondence with Councillor Duncan, Councillor MacDonald made a libellous and untrue statement about her and also about a former Labour Group Leader, Rod Marshall, which she copied to all the Labour Councillors and the Group Support Staff. Following the issue of a statement of denial by Councillor Duncan Councillor MacDonald responded with a further attack on Councillor Duncan.
3. Paragraph 3(1) provides that "You must treat others with respect"; Paragraph 3(2)(b) provides that "You must not bully any person"; Paragraph 5 provides that "You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute."
4. The membership of the Hearings Sub-Committee is as indicated on the front of this agenda.
5. The Monitoring Officer is Raj Alagh. The Deputy Monitoring Officer and clerk to the Sub-Committee is Lloyd White.
6. The Independent Investigator appointed by the Monitoring Officer is Mr Tim Revell who will be present at the hearing.
7. Councillor MacDonald has indicated that she will not be present at the hearing and will not be represented.
8. The Subject Member and the investigator have both indicated that they are happy for the proceedings to be held in public.
9. **Procedure** – a procedure for the hearing is attached commencing at page 1.
10. **Witnesses** – the Subject Member and the investigator have both indicated that they will not be calling any witnesses.
11. **Findings of Fact** – A summary of the agreed and disagreed findings of fact is attached
12. **Independent Investigator's report and appendices** – attached commencing at page 13.

13. **Subject Member's response** – attached at page 5