

## Minutes

Standards Committee Assessment Sub-Committee

Thursday, 16 December 2010

Meeting held at Room A260 - Civic Centre



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**Present:** Malcolm Ellis (Independent Chairman), Councillors Barrett, Hensley and MacDonald

**Officers Present:** Messrs Alagh and White

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

### 2. CONFIRMATION THAT ITEMS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN PRIVATE

It was confirmed that the business of the meeting would be conducted in private.

### 3. ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINT

The Sub-Committee met to consider an allegation made Councillor Lynne Allen that Councillor Andrew Retter had contravened one or more provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct which he had undertaken in writing to observe.

The Sub-Committee noted that the complaint broke down into five constituent parts and satisfied themselves that, if proven, two of the five allegations against Councillor Retter would constitute a breach of Paragraph 5, which imposed an obligation on a Member not to conduct himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office or authority into disrepute and Paragraph 6[a], which imposed an obligation on a Member not to use or attempt to use his position as a Member improperly to confer on or secure for himself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage.

**RESOLVED:** That the two allegations against Councillor Retter be referred to Hillingdon's Monitoring Officer for him to refer the matter to the Chief Whip of the Conservative Group for action and also to arrange for Councillor Retter to attend a suitable training course in relation to the Code.

*A full written summary of the decision is available to the public.*