London Borough of Hillingdon Members' Code of Conduct – Investigation into complaint by Councillor Janet Duncan against Councillor Anita MacDonald

Note of interview with Councillor Peter Curling at 5.58 pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at Hillingdon Civic Centre

Mr Revell (TJR) introduced himself and said that at the request of the Monitoring Officer for the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) following a complaint received from Councillor Duncan he was conducting an investigation into the allegations she had made against Councillor MacDonald. Councillor Curling (PC) confirmed that he had received TJR's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011. TJR ran through the contents of the letter. PC confirmed that he had chosen not to be accompanied at the interview. TJR reiterated the need to keep the contents of the interview confidential. He outlined the procedure he was intending to follow. PC had no questions at this stage.

TJR indicated that he wished to ask PC about a conversation he was alleged to have had with Councillor Duncan about the Labour group fund referred to in appendix 5 of the documents considered by the Assessment Sub-Committee. PC responded that although he had heard the phrase 'slush fund' used about the Labour group fund he had not had any conversation with Councillor Duncan about it nor had he heard her use that phrase. He had no knowledge about how the fund had been used.

The interview concluded at 6.05 pm.

I certify this note is a true record of the interview conducted with Tim Revell on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Signed

Date

cllr curling interview 15.8.11