

Minutes

Standards Committee
Monday, 6 January 2014
Meeting held at Committee Room 7 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



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**Members Present: Councillors Riley (Chairman), Lewis (Vice-Chairman),
Corthorne, Harmsworth and Hensley**

Advisory Members present: Mr David Smith (Independent Person)

Officers Present: Messrs Alagh and White

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lewis reported a non-pecuniary interest in the Part II item 'Complaint' as he had previously met the complainant on a different matter.

The Chairman reported a non-pecuniary interest in the Part II item 'Complaint' as he knew someone living in the same road as the complainant.

The Borough Solicitor confirmed that neither interest would prevent the Members from considering the complaint.

3. CONFIRMATION THAT ALL ITEMS MARKED PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THOSE MARKED PART II, IN PRIVATE

4. COMPLAINT

The Committee gave consideration to a complaint submitted by Dr John Marx that Councillor Lavery had breached the Members' and co-opted members' Code of Conduct, which he had undertaken in writing, to observe. In particular, General Obligation 4(1) that a Member must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person. Conferring an advantage includes gaining financial or other material benefits for the Member, their family, a friend or close associate.

In considering the complaint the Committee satisfied themselves that the complaint was against a Member of the Council in office at the time the complaint was made and that the Code of Conduct was in force at the time.

The Committee, after giving consideration to the views of the Independent Person, agreed unanimously that, if proven, the allegation would not represent a breach of the Code.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken in respect of the complaint from Dr Marx against Councillor Lavery.

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