

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

The Members' Code of Conduct Committee has met once since the last Council meeting and considered the following item of business.

1. Code of Conduct Hearing Panel

- 1.1 The Hearing Panel met on the 12 October 2016 to consider the report of the Monitoring Officer and to determine whether the complaint against Councillor Burkmar amounted to a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 The Committee found that Councillor Burkmar was in breach of the Code of Conduct for the way in which he spoke to a resident on the telephone and also for failing to deal with emails from his residents.
- 1.3 The Panel concluded that there was sufficient evidence to indicate a breach of paragraphs 7 and 9 of the Members' Code of Conduct and a number of appropriate sanctions were agreed.
- 1.4 Cllr Burkmar was ordered by the Panel to:
 - (a) Apologise to the resident in writing within seven days (and send a copy of that letter to the Monitoring Officer)
 - (b) Attend ICT training and to advise the Monitoring Officer when this has been done
- 1.5 In addition, the Panel censured Councillor Burkmar for his disrespect to residents and ordered that a press release be published about the case.

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Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

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