



STANDARDS CONSIDERATION AND HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2011
COUNTY HALL at 2.30pm**

Present:-

Mr R Bearman
Mr J Goodey
Mr S Revell

Also Present:

Ms V McNeill –Head of Law and Monitoring Officer
Mr E Whitfield - Interim Assistant County Solicitor, Essex County Council

1. Apologies

There were none.

2. Election of Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Mr Revell be elected Chairman and **RESOLVED** accordingly.

3. Declaration of Interests

Mr Revell declared that he knew both parties concerned.

4. Exclusion of the Public

The meeting was advised that, with regard to agenda item 5, under regulations there was now no requirement to consider the item under the public interest test as it was not a qualified exemption but an absolute exemption under Section 63 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the information contained in the report was confidential. However, there were no members of the public present to exclude from the meeting.

5. Consideration of Investigator's Report

The Monitoring Officer explained to the Committee that the principal reason for the length of time the investigation had taken was ill health. Mr Whitfield had only been asked to take over the investigation in late August as a result of the ill health of the original investigator.

The annexed report (7), containing exempt information was presented. Following discussion, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED:

To accept the Investigator's finding of no failure to comply with the Code of Conduct.

The meeting finished at 4:20pm

CHAIRMAN



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