

HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Title:	Report of the Monitoring Officer
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At its meeting on 5 February 2010, the Referrals Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee considered three separate but related complaints against County Councillor Bill Lidgate from County Councillor Ruth Vigor-Hedderly and two County Council officers, Mrs Rebecca Carley and Mr Stephen Young. The complaints alleged a breach of the Member Code of Conduct by way of “bullying” and “failing to treat others with respect”.

The Referrals Sub Committee, at that meeting on 5 February, agreed that the complaints should be formally investigated. The Monitoring Officer duly appointed Mr David Lunn OBE LLB (Hons) to conduct the Investigation. Mr Lunn interviewed the complainants, Mr Lidgate and nominated witnesses and issued three separate reports all dated 19 October 2010. Mr Lunn’s three reports were then considered by the Referrals Sub-Committee on the 12 November 2010.

Following careful, and detailed consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed that the Investigator’s three reports should be referred to the Hearing’s Sub Committee.

The three Investigator’s reports are included with the Agenda papers for this meeting of the Hearing’s Sub-Committee.



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Background Papers

1. Decision Notice of the Referrals Sub-Committee held on 5 February 2010
 2. Minutes of the Referrals Sub-Committee held on 12 November 2010
 3. Investigator's Report – Complaint Ref 009/RVH
 4. Investigator's Report – Complaint Ref 010/RC
 5. Investigator's Report – Complaint Ref 011/SY
 6. Pre-hearing forms completed by Councillor Bill Lidgate
 7. Response by David Lunn to the pre-hearing forms
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