

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Complaint 3/13 - Update 24th April 2014

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Committee following its decision on the 24th January 2014

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the report be noted

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Members will recall that on the 24th January 2014, the Committee met to hear a complaint about the conduct of Councillor Ian Dent of Carnforth Town Council.

1.2 The Committee found that Councillor Dent had failed to comply with paragraphs 3(1), 3(2)(b), 3(2)(c) and 5 of the Code of Conduct of Carnforth Town Council and recommended the Town Council to censure Councillor Dent in respect of his conduct.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 The Clerk to Carnforth Town Council has now confirmed that at its meeting on the 19th February 2014, the Town Council considered the recommendation of the Standards Committee with regard to Cllr Dent. The Town Council accepted the recommendation and censured Councillor Dent. This was resolved by a recorded vote: For: 10, Against: 0, Abstained: 2.

2.2 This therefore concludes the complaint against Councillor Dent.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Localism Act 2011 provides that where the Standards Committee considers a complaint about the conduct of a town or parish councillor, it should make recommendations to the relevant parish or town council with regard to the appropriate sanction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

None

Information Services:

None

Property:

None

Open Spaces:

None

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer as the adviser to the Standards Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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