

OTHER ACTION

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1. Summary

In the event that the Assessment Sub-Committee directs the Monitoring Officer to take "Other Action", he/she is required to report the outcome of that other action to the Committee.

The Assessment Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee directed the Monitoring Officer to take other action in relation to a number of allegations that had been received.

2. Recommendations

- A. That the report on other action taken by the Monitoring Officer be noted.

REPORT

1. Following receipt of an allegation that a member of a Council has failed to comply with that Authority's Code of Conduct, the Assessment Sub-Committee of the Principal Authority must consider how best to deal with the allegation.
2. One of the options available to the Sub-Committee is a direction to the Monitoring Officer to take "Other Action". This can be in the form of additional training, mediation, conciliation or any other steps which might seem appropriate.

Ludlow Town Council

3. The Assessment Sub-Committee on 14 December 2010, following consideration of a complaint that a member of Ludlow Town Council may have failed to comply with its Code of Conduct directed the Monitoring Officer to provide training on the Code of Conduct with specific regard to declarations

of personal and prejudicial interests. At the end of the process the Town Councillors would have a better understanding of the requirements of the Code of Conduct and good ethical governance.

4. All members of the Town Council were invited to attend a training session which was held on 29 March 2011.
5. The training session which was attended by eleven members and the Town Clerk, was delivered by the Solicitor (Standards and Ethics).
6. The training was received very well and the opportunity taken to ask questions and discuss examples which may have caused some concern. At the end of the session, the members concerned indicated that they had found it very useful and felt that it clarified some issues dealt with by the code.

West Felton Parish Council

7. The Assessment Sub-Committee, on 22 February 2011, following consideration of a complaint that a member of West Felton Parish Council may have failed to comply with its Code of Conduct, directed the Monitoring Officer to make arrangements for training to be made available to the member concerned on his responsibilities under the Code.
8. Arrangements are still in hand with a view to finding a date and time for the training, which is suitable to the subject member.

Market Drayton Town Council

9. The Assessment Sub-Committee, on 7 June 2011, following consideration of a complaint that a member of Market Drayton Town Council may have failed to comply with its Code of Conduct, directed the Monitoring Officer to provide training to the member concerned on his responsibilities under the Code of Conduct. This would also assist the member in carrying out his official responsibilities.
10. Work is in progress to hold a training session with the subject member at the earliest opportunity.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Decision Notices

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The contents of this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
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Environmental Appraisal

These proposals will have no significant impact on the environment.

Risk Management Appraisal

Inadequate training provision may reduce the capacity of members to carry out their roles effectively.
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Community / Consultations Appraisal

N/A

Cabinet Member

N/A

Local Member

N/A

Appendices

N/A