

# North Somerset Council

## REPORT TO THE STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE

**DATE OF MEETING: 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNCILLOR**

**TOWN OR PARISH: NO**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: DEPUTY HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) that the Sub Committee together with the Independent Member consider the complaint and
- ii) that the Sub Committee determine whether there has been a breach of the North Somerset Council Code of Conduct by the said Councillor.

### 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

A complaint has been received from a member of the public regarding a North Somerset Councillor stating that the councillor has breached the North Somerset Council Code of Conduct applicable to councillors.

### 2. POLICY

North Somerset Council Code of Conduct for Councillors contains information on how a councillor should behave when conducting business as a councillor.

### 3. DETAILS

A complaint has been received from a member of the public about a North Somerset Councillor. The Code of Conduct is attached at Appendix 1.

The complaint can be found at Exempt Appendix 2.

The councillor who is the subject of the complaint was informed of the allegation and they responded in writing and this can be found at Exempt Appendix 3.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

The councillor has been informed about the complaint.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

None

#### **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **8. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

To uphold the Councillors' Code of Conduct

#### **9. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The options as to whether there is a breach of the code will be considered by the Sub Committee

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