

# **North Somerset Council**

## **REPORT TO THE STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE**

**DATE OF MEETING: 26 SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

**TOWN OR PARISH: N/A**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: 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 Councillors' 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 Code of Conduct applicable to councillors.

### **2. POLICY**

North Somerset Council's 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 and 3.

The councillor who is the subject of the complaint was informed of the allegation and has responded in writing and his response can be found at Exempt Appendix 4. Photographs supporting his response can be found at Exempt Appendix 4a, 4b, 4c and 4d.

#### **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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