

ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

NO FINDING OF A BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL AND NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN

Reference: 2015/N004

Complainant: Paul Bramley

Subject Member: Councillor David King

Person conducting the Assessment: Sharon Sewell, Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer, Paul Burns, Independent Person and Councillor Janice Wood, Chair of Standards Committee

Date of Assessment: 15 June 2015

Complaint

On 15 June 2015 Sharon Sewell, Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer, Paul Burns, Independent Person and Councillor Janice Wood, Chair of Allerdale Borough Council' Standards Committee considered a complaint from Mr Paul Bramley, Clerk to Maryport Town Council concerning the alleged conduct of Councillor David King. A general summary of the complaint is set out below:

The Complainant has alleged that Councillor David King made comments that unfairly challenged the integrity of the Clerk's office at Maryport Town Council.

On receipt of the complaint the Monitoring Officer met with the Independent Person and Chair of the Standards Committee to consider the complaint.

Decision

The finding at assessment is that there is no finding of a breach of the Code of Conduct for Allerdale Borough Council and no further action needs to be taken.



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Reasons for the Decision

In assessing this complaint the Standards Committee had regard to;

- the complaint as submitted by the complainant;

On consideration of the complaint the Monitoring Officer, Independent Person and Chair of Standards carefully considered the emails including the comment that no offence was intended, the issues raised and the fact that the matter appeared to be dealt with formally whereas an initial informal approach such as a telephone discussion to discuss the matter may have resolved the matter in the first instance to the satisfaction of both parties.

In reaching this decision the Monitoring Officer had full regard to the views of the Independent Person.

What happens now?

This decision notice is sent to the Complainant and the member against whom the allegation was made.

Terms of reference

In line with the legislative requirements of the Localism Act 2011 the constitution of Allerdale Borough Council charges the Standards Committee of Allerdale Borough Council with promoting and implementing the local assessment process for Code of Conduct complaints against members of Allerdale Borough Council as well as members of the Parish and Town Councils within the Council's area.

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Sharon Sewell

Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Date: 28 July 2015