

**ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE**  
**NO FURTHER ACTION**

**Reference:** 2015/N006

**Complainant:** Mr Ronnie Hunter

**Subject Member:** Councillor Ken Sloan, Seaton Parish Council

**Person conducting the Assessment:** Sharon Sewell, Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer, Paul Burns, Independent Person and Councillor Christine Smith, Vice- Chair of Standards Committee

**Date of Assessment:** 28 July 2015

**Complaint**

On 27 July 2015 Sharon Sewell, Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer, Paul Burns, Independent Person and Councillor Christine Smith, Vice- Chair of Allerdale Borough Council' Standards Committee considered a complaint from Mr Hunter concerning the alleged conduct of Councillor Sloan. A general summary of the complaint is set out below:

The Complainant has alleged that Councillor Sloan was observed on the Lowca Lane Site previously as Seaton Allotments by the landowners following the grant of a possession order granted to the landowners in respect of that land.

**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

In assessing this matter the Monitoring Officer considered that there was insufficient information provided to evidence a potential breach of the Code of Conduct. The Complainant did not reference the Code of Conduct or provide any details on how he considered the Code of Conduct had been breached by Councillor Sloan.

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