

<b>Standards Hearing Subcommittee</b>	
<b>Meeting Date</b>	26 November 2020
<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Alleged code of conduct breach by Cllr Alan Horton: Pre-hearing summary report</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Not applicable
<b>SMT Lead</b>	
<b>Head of Service</b>	
<b>Lead Officer</b>	David Clifford, as monitoring officer
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Exempt</b> unless subcommittee determines otherwise
<b>Recommendations</b>	The subcommittee is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Consider</b> the monitoring officer's report and any additional evidence presented at the hearing, and <b>determine</b> whether there has been a breach of the code of conduct.</li> <li>2. In the event that the subcommittee determines that there has been a breach of the code of conduct, <b>consider</b> whether a sanction should be imposed and <b>determine</b> the nature of any sanction.</li> </ol>

## **1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This is the pre-hearing summary report required under paragraph 4.6 of the standards committee procedure rules in connection with the alleged code of conduct breach by Cllr Alan Horton arising from his statement to the full council meeting on 17 June 2020.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The standards committee procedure rules require the monitoring officer in advance of a standards hearing to produce a report setting out any points of difference in respect of which the subject member has stated that he disagrees with any finding of fact in the investigating officer's report.

## **3 Proposals**

- 3.1 Cllr Horton has not brought to the monitoring officer's attention any points of fact in the substantive report into the alleged code of conduct breach with which he disagrees.
- 3.2 It should be noted that Cllr Horton has also indicated that he does not disagree with the monitoring officer's preliminary finding as to whether a breach of the code of conduct took place (paragraph 5.3 of the substantive report).

**4 Alternative Options**

4.1 There are no alternative options.

**5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed**

5.1 Cllr Horton has been consulted on the content of this report.

**6 Appendices**

6.1 There are no appendices.

**7 Background Papers**

7.1 The members' code of conduct at Part 5 of the council's constitution is available [here](#).