

COMPLAINT UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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PURPOSE

1. To report the decision of the Audit and Standards Sub Committee Hearing Panel on 3rd December 2019 in relation to the conduct of Councillor Sue Graham.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Committee notes the decision of the Hearing Panel on 3rd December 2019.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. One of the outcomes from the 3rd December 2019 Audit and Standards Sub Committee, was to report the findings to Full Council.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. On 3rd December 2019 the Audit and Standards Sub Committee Hearing Panel considered an allegation that Councillor Sue Graham had breached the Code of Conduct for Members by referring to UKIP members as racists in the context of forming an administration, and therefore had failed to treat others with respect and had brought the Council and herself into disrepute.
5. Following a full hearing the Sub Committee determined that Councillor Sue Graham had breached the Code of Conduct for Members in relation to respect, as set out on the attached Minutes (including the Decision Notice) of the Audit and Standards Sub Committee Hearing Panel of 3rd December 2019 (Appendix 1).
6. The Hearing Panel recommended the following;
 - (i) That the findings of the Panel be published (this has been done);
 - (ii) That the findings of the Panel be reported to the Full Council; and
 - (iii) That Councillor Sue Graham be recommended to provide an apology to the 3 Councillors regarding the breach of the Code of Conduct relating to respect and the failure to treat them with respect (this has been done in writing).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

7. None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

9. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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