

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS (DETERMINATION) SUB-COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Slough Borough Council's Standards (Determination) Sub-Committee, at a hearing held on Tuesday 9 October 2018, determined a complaint made against Wexham Parish Councillor Shaida Akbar. The complaint referred to social media messages that were alleged to have been passed between Parish Councillor Akbar and a Borough Councillor.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered a report of the Investigating Officer appointed to look into the complaint. The report concluded that the content of the messages could be viewed as being racially divisive and a breach of paragraphs 2.1 (Members must treat others with respect) and Paragraph 2.3 (Members shall never undertake any action which would cause significant damage to the reputation and integrity of the Council as a whole, or its Members generally)

After consideration of all the evidence, including verbal representations made at the meeting by Parish Councillor Akbar, the Sub-Committee concluded that there was insufficient evidence to satisfy them that Parish Councillor Akbar sent the messages and the complaint was therefore dismissed.

The Sub-Committee reminded all Parish Council Members of their duties and responsibilities as set out in the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

The Standards (Determination) Sub-Committee comprised:

Councillor Amarpreet Dhaliwal (Chair)
Councillor Ali
Councillor Minhas
Parish Councillor Bedi (Colnbrook with Poyle)
Mr Alan Sunderland (Independent Co-opted Member)
Mr Iqbal Zafar (Independent Co-opted Member)

Also in attendance:

Dr Louis Lee (Council's Independent Person)

Hugh Peart
Monitoring Officer

Date: 16 October 2018