

Email to Adrian Stanfield, Julie Beilby, all T&MBC and BGPC Councillors

>>> Mike Taylor <mike.truck@btconnect.com> 08 July 2014 09:58 >>>

Dear All,

At a recent meeting with Julie Beilby and Adrian Stanfield it was alleged that I had committed serious breaches of the Standards Code regarding "lack of respect and inappropriate comments and language to Council Officers", specifically Steve Humphrey and Lindsay Pearson.

Whilst I clearly take a different view, after some thought I realised that the code is more important than individual beliefs, and that justice must be seen to be done.

As a responsible Member of this Authority, I am therefore formally reporting myself to the Monitoring Officer for the alleged breaches of the Standards Code.

Kind Regards

Mike Taylor

Ward Member, Borough Green & Longmill

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Reply from Adrian Stanfield

Dear Mike

Thank you for your email.

As you are aware, the Borough Council has adopted arrangements for dealing with allegations that a councillor has breached their authority's code of conduct. I attach, for your information, a link to the adopted arrangements.

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/councillors,-democracy-and-elections/council-constitution/articles/standards-committee>

The initial assessment of a complaint (which will apply equally where a Councillor self-refers a matter to me) would ordinarily be undertaken by me as Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Independent Person(s) and the Chairman & Vice-Chairman of the Joint Standards Committee. However, given my previous involvement in raising with you the allegations now giving rise to the referral, I shall be appointing an external person to fulfill the role of Monitoring Officer in this case.

As your alleged conduct is the subject of a referral to the Joint Standards Committee, you are entitled to seek the views of one of the appointed Independent Persons in accordance with the provisions of Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011. Should you wish to contact an Independent Person, please let me know and I will ask either John Gledhill or David Ashton (our appointed Independent Persons) to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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