

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee**  
**Wednesday, 6 February 2013**  
**6.00pm to 6.05pm**

**Record of the meeting**

**Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee**

**Present:** Councillors: Griffiths, Adrian Gulvin, Hicks, Kemp, O'Brien, Shaw, Smith and Tolhurst

**In Attendance:** Perry Holmes, Monitoring Officer  
Teri Reynolds, Democratic Services Officer

**818 Record of meeting**

The record of the meeting held on 13 November 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**819 Apologies for absence**

There were none.

**820 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances**

There were none.

**821 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were none.

**822 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - police protocol for investigating criminal offences**

**Discussion:**

The Monitoring Officer introduced the report, which detailed the draft protocol from the Police on how they will deal with investigations relating to criminal offences under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011.

In addition, the Monitoring Officer reported to the committee that there had been recent discussions in Parliament, which criticised many Council Monitoring Officers for recreating the old Standards regime. He felt confident that Medway had not done this and had instead streamlined the previous system, which was now lighter touch with the right emphasis on informal resolution wherever possible. He reported that in addition to the two complaints

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which the committee had considered at their last meeting he had informally resolved five concerns before they became formal complaints in accordance with the new procedure.

One Member suggested that the protocol should have been presented in a civilian friendly manner, as there were some Latin references and acronyms that were hard to follow.

Members then asked how this information would be given to other Members of the Council. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that he would incorporate this into the next member training session on interests, which would be held in the next few months.

### **Decision:**

The committee noted the report and draft protocol.

**Chairman**

**Date:**

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