

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report to Council

28 February 2019

TITLE:	Standards Committee Hearings Panel
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WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To report to Council the findings of the Standards Committee Hearings Panel for information.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the findings of the report.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Council's Standards Committee Hearings Panel met on the 19 December 2018 to consider allegations that there had been breaches of the Authority's Code of Conduct by Councillor Lockett.
- 3.2 The Hearings Panel conducted its proceedings in accordance with the Procedure for Hearings concerning Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011 contained within the Council's agreed arrangements.
- 3.3 The Panel considered the case put forward by the Investigating Officer. Following careful consideration of the material facts the Hearings Panel decided that Councillor Lockett had breached the Council's Code of Conduct.
- 3.4 In finding a breach of the Code of Conduct the Hearings Panel resolved that a report be brought to the Council for information and also applied the following additional sanctions:

- To censure or reprimand the member
- To publish its findings in respect of the member's conduct
- To report its findings to Council for information
- To recommend to the member's Group Leader that the Councillor be removed from all committees of the Council

3.3 A decision notice has been published on the Council's website which summarises the findings and conclusions of the Hearings Panel which has also been issued to each of the complainants.

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[Panel Report 19.12.18](#)

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