

## **Decision of Standards Committee – 30 January 2014**

The Committee were mindful that they were not present to discuss the details of the complaints nor to revisit the decision that the Hearing Panel had previously reached. Members were present to decide what action, if any, the Committee would like to take because the sanctions previously imposed had not been complied with.

Having considered the report from the Monitoring Officer and having heard representations from the Independent Person present, Mr Meacham, the Committee were disappointed that the sanctions made in November 2013 had not been complied with.

This was despite assurances from Councillor Mrs Bromley's representative that they respected the findings of the Panel and that apologising to the individuals concerned was a more preferred sanction.

The Committee felt that the failure to make apologies to the individuals showed a total disrespect to the Council and the member of public concerned.

The Committee were mindful that Councillor Mrs Bromley had been notified of the meeting, prior to papers being published and had hoped to offer her the opportunity to explain the failure to apologise, however, Councillor Mrs Bromley was not in attendance.

The Committee therefore resolved that;

- 1) The Committee write to Councillor Mrs Bromley's Group Leader and recommend that Councillor Mrs Bromley be removed from all Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council for a period of 6 months from implementation of this decision; and
- 2) The Committee expects Councillor Bromley to abide by the decision made by the Hearing Panel on 15 November 2013 and all apologies detailed in that decision should be made without further delay.