

Case Reference BJC-005376

To the Panel members, Subject Member and all interested parties

Pre-Hearing Process Summary

Date, Time and Place:

13 December 2011 at 10am in the Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall

Subject Member:

Former Councillor Averil Older

Complainant:

Miss Holly Smith

Panel Members:

Dr M Wilkinson, Chairman and Independent Member

Councillor J. Kitcat, Elected Member

Councillor A. Norman, Elected Member

Democratic Services Officer:

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Monitoring Officer and Panel's Legal Advisor:

Liz Woodley, Senior Lawyer, Brighton & Hove City Council

Investigating Officer:

Brian Foley, Standards and Complaints Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council

Allegation:

That at the Budget Council meeting on 3 March 2011, former Councillor Averil Older took photographs of members of the public seated in the public gallery, despite being asked to stop so doing.

Agreed facts:

The findings of fact in the Investigating Officer's report are not disputed.

The Code of Conduct:

3 (1) You must treat others with respect

5 You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute.

Attendances:

Both former Councillor Older and the Investigating Officer have indicated that they will attend the hearing,

Names of witnesses who will be attending:

Neither former Councillor Older nor the Investigating Officer has indicated that they intend to call witnesses.

Procedure to be used:

The Standards Committee's Procedure for Local Determination Hearings of Allegations of Member Misconduct

