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## HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

STANDARDS ASSESSMENT PANEL - 27 June 2017

### ASSESSMENT DECISION

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<b>Case No:</b>	<b>HBC/2017 /004</b>
<b>Complainant:</b>	<b>[REDACTED] (a resident)</b>
<b>Subject Member:</b>	<b>Councillor Seamus Quilty Hertsmere Borough Council</b>
<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	<b>2 June 2017</b>

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#### Summary of Complaint:

The complainant alleged that Councillor Quilty had failed to reply to his e-mails for nearly a year.

#### Potentially Relevant provisions of the Members Code of Conduct of Hertsmere Borough Council

##### Paragraph 2.2

This Code has effect in relation to your conduct in an official capacity

##### Paragraph 3.1

You must treat other with respect

#### Members of the Standards Assessment Panel

Councillor Peter Knell - Chairman of Standards Committee (Chairman)

Mr. Jagat Chatrah - Independent Person

Harvey Patterson - Monitoring Officer, Hertsmere Borough Council

#### Panel Decision

That no further action be taken in respect of either of the complaints.

#### Reasons for Decision

- Paragraph 2.2 of the Members Code of Conduct provides that the Members Code of Conduct has effect in relation to the conduct of Councillor Quilty when he acts in an official capacity as a Member of Hertsmere Borough Council.
- The Panel noted that Councillor Quilty had attended a site meeting with the complainant and other residents on 12 February 2016 accompanied by the Highways

Locality Officer, the police and a representative of Ringways (the highways term maintenance contractor). The Panel further noted that Councillor Quilty was also an elected member of Hertfordshire County Council and that one of the functions of the Highways Locality Officer was to advise County Councillors on the proper spend of their delegated highways locality budget.

- The Panel therefore concluded that that Councillor Quilty had engaged with the complainant in relation to this matter in his capacity as an elected member of Hertfordshire County Council.
- It followed that Councillor Quilty was not acting in the matter in an official capacity as a member of Hertsmere Borough Council. Consequently, it could not be said that Councillor Quilty failed to comply with any of the requirements of the Members Code of Conduct of Hertsmere Borough Council.

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If the complainant still feels aggrieved, he should consider making a complaint to the Standards Committee of Hertfordshire County Council.

**Finality of Decision**

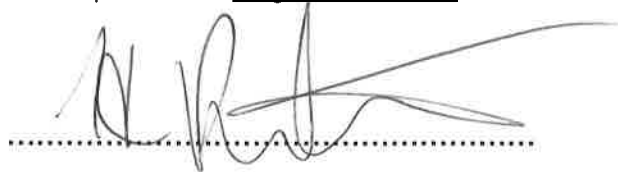
There is no right to appeal the decisions of the Standards Assessment Panel

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In accordance with the Council adopted arrangements, copies of this decision will be provided to:-

- The Subject Member:- Councillor Seamus Quilty of Hertsmere Borough Council
- The Subject Member's Group Leader:- Councillor Morris Bright of Hertsmere Borough Council
- The Complainant:- [REDACTED]

Signed



Date 17 July 2017

**Monitoring Officer - on behalf of Chairman of the Standards Assessment Panel**