

7th SEPTEMBER 2020



**BABERGH MID SUFFOLK JOINT STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE
DECISIONS NOTICE**

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH MID SUFFOLK JOINT STANDARDS SUB
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Sub Committee:

Councillor Paul Ekpenyong (Chair)
Councillor John Matthissen
Councillor Mike Norris

Complainant:

Councillor F Minns – Chair of Hadleigh Town Council

Subject Member:

Councillor A Knock of Hadleigh Town Council

Officers:

E Yule – Monitoring Officer, Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Council
J Snell - Deputy Monitoring Officer, Babergh/ Mid Suffolk District Council
J Robinson - Deputy Monitoring Officer, Babergh/ Mid Suffolk District Council

In Attendance on behalf of the Subject Member:

Cllr A Knock – Subject Member/Hadleigh Town Councillor
Mr H Roberts – Representative for Cllr A Knock

On the 7th September 2021 the Joint Standards Sub Committee for Babergh and Mid Suffolk had met to consider why Councillor Andrew Knock had not complied with the sanctions imposed by the Monitoring Officer.

The Monitoring Officer had previously investigated a complaint received about the behaviour of Councillor Knock at a Hadleigh Town Council meeting on the 29th September 2020.

The complaint was investigated by the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Independent Person was consulted and a breach of the Suffolk Code of Conduct was upheld.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer imposed four sanctions on Councillor Knock.

Councillor Knock had undertaken all of the sanctions imposed on him apart from a public apology to the Chair of the meeting.

The Joint Standards Sub Committee considered the mitigations put forward by Councillor Knock as to why he had not made a public apology to the Chair before coming to their decision.

Decision

That Councillor Andrew Knock had failed to abide by the sanction imposed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer to make a public apology to the Chair, and that Councillor Knock be instructed to make a personal public apology to the Chair at the next meeting of Hadleigh Town Council.

**Emily Yule
Monitoring Officer**

Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council