



## DECISION OF A STANDARDS (HEARING) SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2016

Complainant: Leighton McDonnell

Subject Member: Deputy John Chapman

*Deputy Chapman was accompanied by Alderman Sir David Wootton.*

Sub-Committee: Edward Lord (Chairman)  
Nigel Challis  
Mark Greenburgh (Co-opted Member)  
Oliver Lodge  
Anju Sanehi (Independent Person)

Advisers: Michael Cogher (Monitoring Officer)  
Deborah Cluett (Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department)  
Edward Wood (Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department)  
Lorraine Brook (Town Clerk's Department)  
Gemma Stokley (Town Clerk's Department)

1. The Sub-Committee resumed its proceedings, which had commenced on Tuesday 23 February, following an adjournment requested by the Respondent. At the initial hearing, the Sub-Committee found the Respondent to be in breach of the Code of Conduct. The full findings of that hearing are set out in a decision notice dated 29 February 2016.
2. Having heard a prepared statement read by the Respondent, who accepted his breaches of the Code, and oral observations from Sir David Wootton, who appeared as a character witness, and asked questions of them both, the Sub-Committee **RESOLVED:**

That having found Deputy John Chapman to have breached the Code of Conduct and failed to comply with the Member/Officer Protocol in respect of his continued interference in the day-to-day management of

Leadenhall Market, his lack of respect for and rudeness to Corporation staff, and the advantages obtained by a third party as a consequence of his actions, the Sub-Committee concluded that the following sanctions and remedies are appropriate:

#### Sanctions

- (a) That Deputy John Chapman be formally censured for his misconduct and that this be reported to the Court of Common Council;
- (b) That the Investment Committee be invited to discharge Deputy John Chapman from his membership of the Property Investment Board for a period of twelve months;

#### Remedies

- (c) Having noted his willingness to do so, that Deputy John Chapman be invited to write to Leighton McDonnell and John Black to apologise for his lack of courtesy towards them, and to Nicholas Gill and Trevor Nelson to apologise for the difficult position his actions placed them in, such letters to be drafted by the Monitoring Officer, in terms agreeable to the Sub-Committee; and
  - (d) That Deputy John Chapman be invited to attend training on the Member/Officer Protocol and in particular the demarcation of responsibilities of elected Members and the Officers of the Corporation.
3. In arriving at these conclusions, the Sub-Committee felt strongly that, other than his proper responsibilities representing the interests of his constituents, Deputy Chapman should not be involved in the conduct of the affairs of Leadenhall Market, and urges the Aldermen and Councilmen for the Ward of Langbourn to nominate another of their number to be the principal contact on market affairs.

**Edward Lord**

Chairman

Standards Committee

15 March 2016

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