

## BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report of:** Maxine O'Mahony – Executive Director of Strategy & Governance & Monitoring Officer

**To:** Council – 22 February 2018

**Author:** Teresa Smith, Democratic Services Team Leader

**Subject:** Notification of Breach of Code of Conduct by Councillor Mark Taylor

**Purpose:** To notify Council of the outcome of a hearing following a breach of Breckland Council's members code of conduct.

### Recommendation(s):

- 1) That Members note the contents of this report

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Councillor Taylor was found in Breach of the Council's Code of Conduct following a meeting of the Governance and Audit Hearing Panel held on 5 September 2017. The sanction of the Panel was that Councillor Taylor was to issue a written apology to both the complainant and a third party within a reasonable period and that should Councillor Taylor fail to provide a written apology within a reasonable period then the breach would be reported to Full Council. To date no such apology has been received and more than five months have elapsed since the decision notice was issued.

1.2 A copy of the decision notice has been attached for information.

### 2.0 OPTIONS

2.1 That Members note the contents of this report.

### 3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 To comply with the Sanctions imposed by the Governance & Audit Hearing Panel held on 5 September 2017.

### 4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

4.1 Compliance with the Council's Standards Arrangements and the decision of the Governance and Audit Hearing Panel.

### 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of this report - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Transformation Programme; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

## **5.1 Constitution & Legal**

5.1.1 Under the Breckland Council Code of Conduct the subject member breached paragraphs 1.3 (ix) and (x).

## **6.0 WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

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## **7.0 ACRONYMS**

7.1 None

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Background papers:- None

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**Key Decision:** No

**Exempt Decision:** No

**This report refers to a Mandatory Service**

### **Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix A Decision Notice