

West Lancashire District Council
Members' Code of Conduct
Outcome of Investigation - Complaint LG5/6 - Councillor David Westley
West Lancashire District Council and Halsall Parish Council

Notice under Regulation 17(3)(b) of the Standards Committee (England)
Regulations 2008

West Lancashire District Council's Standards Committee on 7 April 2009 considered an investigation report into a complaint alleging that Councillor David Westley brought his office or authority into disrepute and improperly sought to use his position to confer an advantage or disadvantage by comments he allegedly made after a meeting on 12 March 2008 to two Parish Councillors concerning the proposed Multi Use Games Area at Halsall.

The Standards Committee accepted the investigating officer's finding that there had been no failure by Councillor David Westley to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct of either West Lancashire District Council or Halsall Parish Council in relation to the subject matter of the complaint.

The Standards Committee accepted the investigation officer's conclusions that inconsistencies in the evidence cast doubt that the alleged conduct by Councillor David Westley ever occurred and, even if it had, that Councillor David Westley would not have been acting in his official capacity as either a District or Parish Councillor at the time of the alleged conduct.

Dated 8 April 2009

Gillian L. Rowe LL.B. (Hons)
Council Secretary and Solicitor