

FOLLOWING a complaint made by Councillor Hughes and a subsequent independent investigation, former leader of Woking Borough Council, David Bittleston was found at a local hearing of the Standards Hearings Sub-Committee to have breached the Council's Members Code of Conduct during a meeting of the Executive held on 16 July 2020 in that he failed to treat Councillor Hughes and the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with respect contrary to paragraph 2.1 of the Code, and failed to maintain the high standards of conduct as set out in paragraph 1.3 of the Code in relation to integrity and leadership contrary to paragraph 2.2 of the Code.

Woking Borough Council takes breaches of the Code of Conduct seriously and in the interests of transparency the Standards Hearings Sub-Committee will report their findings to Full Council.