

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL - HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE – SUMMARY OF DECISION**

Local Assessment Case Nos. 1/2008 and 3/2008

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting on 31 March 2009, the Hearings Sub-Committee considered two complaints that Councillor Sydney-Ann Stavrou of Epping Forest District Council had failed to follow the Council's Members' Code of Conduct.

The complaints arose from an argument on 3 June 2008, outside the premises of Mr and Mrs S Wood (Lira and Beechside Nursery), between the councillor and Mr R Wood, at which it was alleged the councillor had used bad language against Mr R Wood and had made threats that she would take action to close down the nursery and remove a retaining barrier on the highway frontage.

Notice is further given that the Sub-Committee determined that there was insufficient evidence to find that the member was acting as a councillor in her official capacity during the incident on 3 June 2008 and that, both in relation to that incident and the manner in which the member had conducted her role as councillor in relation to Lira and Beechside Nursery there was no evidence that she had breached her obligations under the Code.

Accordingly the Sub-Committee found that the councillor had not failed to follow the Council's Members' Code of Conduct.

Colleen O'Boyle

**Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Hearing Sub-Committee of the Standards
Committee.**

9 April 2009