

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
**Wednesday 10 January 2024**

**1. QUESTION FROM MISS BEVERLY SIMMONS (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)**  
**Re: Residency of Councillor**

Two labour Councillors have been kicked out of the Labour Party after claims they don't live in Brighton, an area they represent. Councillors Chandni Mistry and Bharti Gajjar.

Two Conservative Plymouth City Councillors Dan Collins and Shannon Burden elected in May 2021 but moved to Gloucester were both asked to resign, which they accepted.

Your own Conservative Councillor Sarah Khan has been living in Birmingham for a considerable time, she never attends our Parish meetings and doesn't send reports.

Apparently when asked if she would stand down at the District Elections in 2023 to allow someone living locally to represent us, she said that her Party had asked her to stay the full term.

I believe that her behaviour breaks the Nolan Principles of Public Life.

Please could you let me know whose decision it was for her to stay as our representative as She states it was her Party. She has no real interest in our area and has no intention of returning.

She did resign from all her unpaid positions, if she can serve the public from Birmingham in a paid position why not an unpaid one?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HART**

This matter has been reviewed and Councillor Khan is compliant with the requirements of the Local Government Act in terms of attendance at meetings. The Monitoring Officer is satisfied there is no breach of the Council's Code of Conduct and I understand she is in regular contact with her Parish Councils.