

MINUTES OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON

8 October 2008

7.30pm – 7.55pm

PRESENT

Brian Spencer (Chairman)

David Evans (Vice Chairman)

COUNCILLORS

David Carter

Manny Doku

Maggie Hulcoop

Patrick McClarnon

Eleanor Macy

APOLOGIES

Jean Clark

Muriel Jolles

Lesley Rideout

Edna Stevens

16. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

17. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2008 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

19. **RECRUITMENT OF NEW INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

The Monitoring Officer, Mike White, reported verbally that arising from the the advertisement for the recruitment of an additional Independent Member, six expressions of interest had been received, but no formal applications had yet been received.

RESOLVED to note the verbal update.

20. **PROPOSED CRITERIA & PROCEDURE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGATIONS**

The Committee received a report on proposed criteria and procedures for the consideration of allegations of a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED to approve

- (1) the set of criteria for the initial assessment of complaints and their review, as set out in Appendix A;
- (2) the procedure for the initial assessment and review meetings, as set out in Appendix B;
- (3) the procedure for meetings to hear full allegations, as set out in Appendix C.

21. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

22. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 3 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

23. **INITIAL ASSESSMENT (STANDARDS) SUB COMMITTEE**

The Committee received the minutes of the Initial Assessment (Standards) Sub Committee meeting held on 16 September 2008.

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Initial Assessment (Standards) Sub Committee meeting held on 16 September 2008.

24. **COMPLAINT**

The Monitoring Officer, Mike White, reported verbally that he was taking forward the actions recommended by the Initial Assessment (Standards) Sub Committee (minute 23 above refers) and that the process would be delayed by a period of hospitalisation for the complainant.

RESOLVED to note the current position and receive a detailed report on this matter in due course.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE