

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
(CONSIDERATION SUB-COMMITTEE)**

**HELD: 12 OCTOBER 2011**  
Start: 4.00pm  
Finish: 4.20pm

**PRESENT:**

Independent Members: Mr B Winstanley (Chairman)  
Mr J Cailes

Councillor: I Moran

Officers: Borough Solicitor (Mr T Broderick)  
Assistant Member Services Manager (Mrs J Denning)

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Independent Member, Mr B Winstanley, be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no changes to the membership of the Sub-Committee.

**4. URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**6. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2009 were received as a correct record.

**7. STANDARDS COMMITTEE - DETERMINATIONS**

The Sub-Committee considered the 'Standards Committee – Determinations' procedure set out on pages 5 to 8 of the Book of Reports.

The Borough Solicitor referred members in particular to the procedure in respect of the Consideration Sub-Committee at paragraph 3 of the document.

RESOLVED: That the procedure be noted.

**8. SUBJECT MEMBER VIEWS - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Sub-Committee was advised that the Subject Member had been contacted in respect of whether the matter should be considered in public and that he had not expressed any views.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

**9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7(c) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**10. LOCAL INVESTIGATION - INV7 - LG5/51**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Director of People and Places, as contained on pages 9 to 48 of the Book of Reports, which presented a copy of the final report arising from the local investigation in respect of allegations by a member of the public that Councillor Andrew Fowler may have failed to comply with the Code of Conduct for West Lancashire Borough Council.

RESOLVED: A. That the investigating Officer's finding that Councillor Fowler had not failed to comply with the Code of Conduct for Members, be accepted (a finding of acceptance).

B. That the reason for the finding at set out in the report be agreed.

C. That the Notice of Finding be published and a notice be published on the Council's website.