

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE)**

AGENDA ITEM 9
HELD: 28 APRIL 2009
Start: 10.30am
Finish 11.30am

PRESENT:

Members: Independent Member Professor Chester
Councillor Rice
Parish Councillor A Cheetham

Officers: Legal Services Manager (Mr. T. Broderick)
Senior Member Services Officer (Mrs. S. Griffiths)

28. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Professor Chester be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

29. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

30. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members noted the termination of membership of Independent Member Mr. Paul Hanmer and the appointment of Independent Member Professor Chester for this meeting.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

32. REVIEW OF COMPLAINT OF BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT LG5/35

The Review Sub-Committee considered the report of the Council Secretary and Solicitor to review a decision of the Assessment Sub-Committee taken on 26 February 2009 when no findings of fact were made.

The Sub-Committee also considered the review report at Appendix 5 and the recommendations therein.

The Sub-Committee noted that it may assist Halsall Parish Council to consider making an application for Quality Parish Council status.

RESOLVED: A. That the original decision of the Assessment Sub-Committee in relation to allegations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be upheld.

- B. That in relation to allegation 6, the original decision of the Assessment Sub-Committee, not to refer the complaint for investigation or other action be upheld as the additional information provided (including the partial letter), does not address the lack of clarity previously noted by the Assessment Sub-Committee and a formal investigation would not be in the public interest.
- C. That the Review Decision Notice now agreed be issued.