

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**HELD: 15 DECEMBER 2011**

Start: 4.30pm

Finish: 5.05pm

### **PRESENT**

Independent Members: J Cailles (Chairman)  
P Hanmer (Vice Chairman)  
S Ibbs  
P Rogan  
B Winstanley

Councillors: Mrs U Atherley R Bailey  
J Davis L Savage

Parish Councillor: J Citarella

Officers: Managing Director (People and Places) (Mrs G Rowe)  
Borough Solicitor (Mr T Broderick)  
Assistant Member Services Manager (Mrs J Denning)

### **12. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Parish Councillor R Coady.

The Committee was advised that there had been a change of Membership since the agenda had been published in respect of Councillor Savage for Councillor Fillis.

RESOLVED: That the apology and the change in membership be noted and Councillor Savage be welcomed to the Committee.

### **13. URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **15. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 14 July 2011 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **16. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Committee was advised that voting had taken place for Parish Councils to nominate a Parish Council representative to serve on the Council's Standards Committee, however as there was an equal number of votes (4 each) for Parish Councillors Brian Bailey and Rosie Evans, each Parish Council had now been asked to vote for one of these two candidates with a deadline of Tuesday, 31 January 2012.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

**17. COMPLAINTS - STATISTICS**

The Committee considered the complaint statistics for 2011/12 set out in pages 75 to 80 of the Book of Reports. Members were advised that one complaint had been received in 2011/12 which would be considered by the Assessment Sub Committee on 19 December 2011 and that two complaints received in 2010/11 had been dealt with during 2011/12 by the Review Sub Committee on 26 May 2011 (decision upheld) and the Consideration Sub Committee on 12 October 2011 (no breach).

RESOLVED: That the statistics be noted.

**18. LOCALISM ACT 2011 - IMPLICATIONS FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Managing Director (People and Places) and the Borough Solicitor which detailed the provisions in the Localism Act 2011 relevant to the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report be noted and the Managing Director (People and Places) and the Borough Solicitor be asked to bring a further report and Action Plan to the Committee as further details emerge.

**19. ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO THE ABOLITION OF STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND**

The Committee considered an update from Standards for England relating to its abolition as set out on pages 85 and 86 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

**20. WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12**

The Committee considered the Work Programme for 2011/12.

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted.

**21. CONSIDERATION SUB-COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2011.**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Consideration Sub-Committee held on 12 October 2011.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be noted.

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THE CHAIRMAN