

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

HELD: 16 JULY 2012

Start: 4.30pm

Finish: 4.45pm

PRESENT

Councillors: Grant (Chairman)

Mrs Atherley Kay
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In attendance: Mr S Ibbs (Independent Person)

Officers: Managing Director (People and Places) (Mrs G Rowe)
Borough Solicitor (Mr T Broderick)
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

13. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Davis and the Reserve Independent Person (Mr S Garvey).

The Chairman welcomed Members to the first meeting of the newly constituted Standards Committee and a warm welcome was extended to the Independent Person who was in attendance.

14. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 14 June 2012 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The Committee considered the Members' Code of Conduct (Constitution 16) which took effect from 1 July 2012, as contained on pages 61 to 68 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the Members' Code of Conduct effective from 1 July 2012 be noted and endorsed.

18. DISPENSATIONS – DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members considered the granting of a dispensation as set out at page 69 of the Book of Reports, in relation to attending a meeting and voting on a matter where the Member/Co-opted Member of the Borough Council or the Member of a Parish Council in West Lancashire has a disclosable pecuniary interest related to a particular function of the council.

RESOLVED: That dispensation in the following terms be granted to all members and co-opted members of the Borough Council and all members of Parish Councils in West Lancashire (insofar as it is applicable and within the Committee's powers):

“Subject to you disclosing the interest at the meeting, you may attend a meeting and vote on a matter where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest that relates to the functions of the council in respect of:-

- (i) housing, where you are a tenant of the council authority provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease;
- (ii) school meals or school transport and travelling expenses, where you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or are a parent governor of a school, unless it relates particularly to the school which the child attends;
- (iii) statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, where you are in receipt of, or are entitled to the receipt of, such pay;
- (iv) an allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;
- (v) any ceremonial honour given to members; and
- (vi) setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.”

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Chairman