

Minutes of the Meeting of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2006 at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Mrs Caroline Roberts (Independent Member) (Chair)

Councillor O'Brien Councillor Fitch (for Cllr Coley)
Councillor Mrs. Sood

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No declarations were made.

29. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that Councillor Coley was included in the list of Members present but that he was in fact not at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2006, copies of which had been circulated to Members, be taken as read, and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to the amendment detailed above.

30. COMPLAINT AGAINST ELECTED MEMBERS - ANNUAL REVIEW

The Town Clerk submitted a report which reviewed the complaints lodged against Elected Members since the process of lodging such complaints with the Standards Board for England was established and also those Member conduct issues of concern which had been indentified within the Authority. The report consider both lessons learned and actions taken to further improve Members standards of conduct and probity.

RESOLVED:

(1) that the action plan detailed in the report be supported;

and

(2) that information on 'immigration' casework be included in Members' surgery pack.

31. COMPLAINTS AGAINST ELECTED MEMBERS

The Town Clerk circulated a report to brief Members on the current number and nature of complaints against Elected Members.

RESOLVED:

that the report be noted.

32. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm.