

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2008**

Present: Mr N Woodcock (Independent Member), Chairman Mr V Chilton, (Substitute Parish Member) and Mr R Stewart (Parish Member)

Councillors: Mrs M Docherty; G Garrity, D Moore, N Clarkson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs M B Woodburn, Dr S Bradley (Independent Member)

Officers: M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; D James, Member Services Officer

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **STA 23 Arrangement of the Agenda**

**RESOLVED** – That due to not all Members being present at the interview for the appointment of a further independent Member to the Committees a summary and discussion take place in Part 11 of the Agenda prior to a formal decision being made.

#### **STA 24 Standards Committee – Work Plan**

Consideration was given to a proposed work plan for the Standards Committee for 2008/09.

During consideration of this item it was noted that Members felt that either the Head of Legal and Democratic Services or the Democratic Services Manager should be involved in the quarterly meetings with the Leader, Chief Executive and Chairman of the Standards Committee.

**RESOLVED** – That subject to the attendance of either the Head of Legal and Democratic Services or the Democratic Services Manager at the quarterly meetings with the Leader, Chief Executive and Chairman of the Standards Committee the work plan be approved.

#### **STA 25 DCLG Consultation Paper – Proposed Response**

Consideration was given to a proposed response to the DCLG consultation on detailed arrangements for a new ethical regime for the conduct of local Councillors in England

**RESOLVED** – That the proposed response be endorsed.

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### **STA 26 Interview for Independent Members**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting an interview had taken place for an additional Members to the Committee. As not all Members had attended the interview it had been agreed that a summary and debate would take place prior to a formal decision on whether to make an appointment was made.

Following the discussion it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** – That no appointment would be made and further candidates be sought.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm

Chairman

