

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2006

Present: Councillors Mrs M Woodburn; N Clarkson; P C Connolly; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs D A Wonnacott

Independent Member: Dr S Bradley; N Woodcock

Parish Member: R Stewart

Officers: M Jepson, Chief Legal Officer; D James, Member Services Officer

STA 3 Appointment of Chairman

In line with the decision to appoint an independent Member to Chair the meeting it was moved by Councillor M Woodburn duly seconded and

RESOLVED - That Dr S Bradley be appointed Chairman

STA 4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

STA 5 Local Investigation and Determination of Complaints

In December 2005 the Ethical Standards Officer referred a case for Local Investigation into an allegation of a breach to the Code of Conduct by a Parish Councillor.

A procedure was subsequently approved and an investigating officer appointed.

Members are now asked to consider the evidence by both the investigating Officer and the Parish Councillor and determine the outcome.

The Chairman outlined the allegations and both the Investigating Officer and the Parish Councillor were informed of the procedure which would be followed.

Members heard the finding of the Investigating Officer and then the Parish Councillors representative. Both were then open to questions from Members.

The Investigating Officer and the Parish Councillor and representatives then retired from the meeting and Members considered all the evidence.

RESOLVED – That there be no case to answer.

The meeting closed at 11.35am

Chairman