

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2009**

Present: Dr S Bradley (Independent Member) (Chairman).

Councillors: B Dixon; Mrs M Docherty; G Garrity; D Moore; R Salkeld;  
Mrs M Woodburn

Mrs P Routledge, (Independent Member)

Mr R Stewart; Mr V Chilton (Parish Members)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Councillor N Clarkson and  
Mr A Payne (Independent Member)

Officers: T Capper Democratic Services Manager

#### **STA 01 Appointment of Chairman**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs M Woodburn, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that Dr S Bradley be appointed Chairman of the  
Committee for the current year.

#### **STA 02 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2009 were signed by the  
Chairman as a correct record.

#### **STA 03 Standards Committee Work Plan for 2009/2010**

The Committee discussed progress on the items in the Standards  
Committee Work Plan for the current year. It was noted that certain items  
had been delayed due to difficulties in recruitment to independent  
member positions earlier in the year but that the the work plan would be  
on target by the year end.

#### **STA 04 Ethical Governance Survey**

The Committee considered options for carrying out a survey of Members  
and Officers on their perceptions of ethical governance in the Council,  
using examples of questionnaires used in other authorities. It was agreed  
that a survey should proceed in conjunction with the proposed workshop  
on ethical governance which was also included in the workplan for the  
current year.

**STA 05 Update on Local Assessment and Determination**

The Committee discussed the present position on local assessment and determination of complaints of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.

It was agreed that membership of assessment and review sub committees should not be disclosed to other sub committee members in advance of meetings.

**STA 06 Frequency of Meetings**

It was agreed that meetings of the Standards Committee be held bi monthly in the current year.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm

Chairman

