

Standards Committee

Wednesday, 7 March 2007

Present: Mr Ellwood (Chair) Councillors Alan Cain, Keith Iddon, Thomas McGowan, Rev John Cree and Mrs Joan Geddes

Officers in attendance: Andrew Docherty (Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)) and Ruth Hawes (Assistant Democratic Services Officer)

07.S.09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Thomas Bedford.

07.S.10 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by Members relating to the items on the agenda.

07.S.11 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 9th February 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

07.S.12 LOCAL HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chair advised that a Local Hearing Sub-Committee was required to deal with a Local Hearing scheduled to take place on 20 March 2007.

As the Parish Council representative on the Standards Committee was conflicted out another Parish Council representative, Mr Cranshaw, had been invited to be a co-opted member of the Sub-Committee on this occasion. The Parish Council clerks had consulted on this.

RESOLVED - That the members of the Local Hearing Sub-Committee be: Mr Ellwood (Independent Chair), Councillor Thomas Bedford, Mr Darren Cranshaw (Parish Council representative), and Councillor Thomas McGowan (Reserve).

07.S.13 ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES IS/ARE URGENT

The Chair advised that the Standards Board for England would be holding road shows. Part of the road shows would be to share advice and experience on changes to the Code of Conduct and give information on the forthcoming filter for complaints.

These would be held in Liverpool on 6 June and Leeds on 7 June. Any members of the Standards Committee wishing to attend the road shows were requested make arrangements via the Democratic Services officer.

Chair