

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2011 AT COMMITTEE ROOM III, COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE.

Present:

Wiltshire Council Members

Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Malcolm Hewson and Cllr Julian Johnson

Town/Parish Council Co-opted Members

Mr William Bailey, Mr Craig McCallum, Mr Paul Neale, Mr Robert Oglesby JP, Mr John Scragg, Mr Keith Wallace and His Hon David MacLaren Webster QC

Independent co-opted Members

Mrs Jane Bayley, Mrs Isabel McCord (Chairman), Mr Stuart Middleton and Mr Gerry Robson OBE (Vice Chairman)

15. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ernie Clark, Mr Michael Cronin, Mr Philip Gill MBE JP, Councillor Ian McLennan, and Miss Pam Turner

16. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2011 were presented.

Resolved:

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes.

17. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman announced that this would be her last meeting as her term of office was due to expire at full Council in May. Mr Gerry Robson MBE proposed that Mrs McCord's term of office be extended until the end of the present Standards regime. On being put to the vote it was

Resolved:

That the Standards Committee recommends to Council, that Mrs Isabel McCord's term of office be extended until the end of the present Standards regime.

18. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

19. **Public Participation and Questions from Committee Members.**

There were no members of the public present.

20. **Minutes of Sub Committees**

The minutes of the Dispensation Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2011 were presented.

Resolved:

To note the minutes

21. **Review of the Standards Committee Plan 2010-2014**

The committee reviewed the business plan and the Chairman thanked everyone involved in taking the actions forward. It was suggested that it may be appropriate for the Committee to review their work in the light of the publication of Wiltshire Council's Business Plan to ensure that the Committee's objectives are consistent with the Plan.

It was agreed that the Chairman, assisted by Mr Gerry Robson and Councillor Nigel Carter, look at the Business Plan to find ways to link it to the Standards Committee Plan and feed back their findings to the Monitoring Officer.

Resolved:

- 1. That the Monitoring Officer prepares a report for the next meeting of the Standards Committee on ways to link the Committee Plan to Wiltshire Council's Business Plan.**
- 2. That the developments in the Plan be noted.**

22. **Standards Committee Draft Annual Report 2010/11**

The draft Standards Committee Annual Report was presented

The Chairman explained that this report would be presented to the Annual Council meeting in May.

The committee made several amendments to the Plan including the request for the addition of the cases breakdown.

Resolved:

To note the report and request that any amendments be incorporated.

23. **Status Report on Complaints made under the Code of Conduct and cases Breakdown**

The Monitoring Officer presented the report

Resolved

To note the report

24. **Outcome of a Consideration Sub-committee**

The committee considered a report on the outcome of a Consideration sub-committee.

Resolved:

To note the report

25. **Forward Plan**

The committee's forward workplan was presented.

Resolved

To note the forward workplan.

26. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items

(Duration of meeting: 14.00 – 14.35)

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