

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Wednesday 2 February 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Mr. R. Meller (Chairman)
Mr. L. Bates (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Bentley
Councillor Khan
Councillor O'Hare
Councillor Underhill
Ms. K. McLeod
Mr. R. Taylor

142/05 Change of membership

There were no changes in membership for this meeting.

143/05 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mr. Hodgson and Mrs. Parsons.

144/05 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2004, a copy having been circulated previously to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

145/05 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted for this meeting.

146/05 Appointment of independent members

The report of the Assistant Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) That the Committee support the process proposed for the appointment of two vacancies for independent members to the Standards Committee and notes the periods of office recommended for those appointed will be until the end of the municipal year 2007/2008;
- (3) That officers be requested to arrange training so that members of the Standards Committee have the opportunity to gain knowledge, experience and confidence in dealing with cases of alleged breaches of the Members Code of Conduct referred to them for local determination;
- (4) That as part of the training and development process, the Assistant Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be requested to contact the Black Country authorities to ask if they have any hearings of cases referred for local determination which could be observed by members of this Council's Standards Committee

147/05 Standards Committee Bulletin Edition 1

The report of the Assistant Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Committee welcome and support the introduction of the Standards Committee bulletin as it highlights the role and work of the Standards Board for England and the Standards Committee;
- (2) That a copy of the Standards Committee bulletin be provided to each member of the Council for their information and use.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 6.25 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: