

Standards Committee

Monday 16 June, 2008 at 6.00 p.m.

at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Mr. L. Bates
Mr. R. Meller
Councillor M.G. Pitt

264/08 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved

That Mr. R. Meller be appointed Chairman for the 2008/2009 municipal year.

265/08 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved

That Mr. L. Bates be appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2008/2009 municipal year.

266/08 Apology

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Woodruff.

267/08 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 26 March and 8 May 2008, copies having been circulated previously to each member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

268/08 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

269/08 **Timetable of meeting dates for local assessment complaints 2008/2009**

The report of the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Constitutional Services Manager, Mr. Garner, presented the report and answered questions raised by the Committee arising from the report, following which it was:

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) That the Committee agree the timetable of meeting dates for local assessment of complaints 2008/2009.

270/08 **Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees –
13 and 14 October 2008**

The report of the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Constitutional Services Manager, Mr. Garner, presented the report and answered questions raised by the Committee arising from the report, following which it was:

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) That the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services write to all elected members and independent members to ascertain their availability to attend the Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committee on 13 and 14 October 2008.

271/08 **Elected members attendance at Committee 2007/2008**

The report of the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Constitutional Services Manager, Mr. Garner, presented the report and answered questions raised by the Committee arising from the report, following which it was:

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) That the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services forward a copy of the report to each of the Group Leaders so that they are aware of members' attendance at Council and Committees.
- (3) That the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services forward a copy of the report to all elected members for their information.

272/08 Annual governance statement and draft Code of Local Governance

(a) Report of Audit Committee

The report of the Chief Finance Officer was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Constitutional Services Manager, Mr. Garner, presented the report and answered questions raised by the Committee arising from the report, following which it was:

Resolved

That the contents of the report be noted.

(b) Draft minute of Audit Committee from 14 April 2008

The draft minute from the Audit committee on 14 April 2008 was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the minute of the Audit Committee be noted.

273/08 Training session – All member update on Code of Conduct and ethical framework

The Constitutional Services Manager, Mr. Garner, advised members that a training session was being arranged for the end of July. This session would be available to all elected and co-opted members and would cover two parts – the Code of Conduct and the Ethical Landscape (assessment review and hearings).

Resolved

That the training date be noted.

The meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: