

Standards Committee

Monday 2 April 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Mr. R. Meller (Chairman)
Councillor R. Carpenter
Mr. A. Wood

406/12 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor D. Shires, Mrs. H. Bashir and Ms. K. McLeod.

407/12 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2012 copies having been sent to each member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

408/12 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

409/12 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)

There were no items to be considered in private session.

Before the reports were presented and considered by the Committee, the Democratic Services Manager (Mr. J. Garner) confirmed that agenda item 5 – Annual Governance Statement and agenda item 6 – Localism Act 2012 – draft report to Council had been withdrawn and would be reported on later in the year.

410/12 **Draft model arrangements for investigating complaints under the Council's Code of Conduct**

The report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Democratic Services Manager (Mr. J. Garner) presented the report and confirmed that agenda item 8 – Procedure for investigations and agenda item 9 - Procedure for hearings were included as appendices to this report. He also answered questions raised by the Committee arising from this report.

Resolved

That the content of the report be noted.

411/12 **Authority's Code of Conduct**

The report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Democratic Services Manager (Mr. J. Garner) presented the report and answered questions raised by the Committee arising from the report.

Resolved

That the content of the report be noted.

The meeting terminated at 6.33 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: