

Standards Committee

Monday 21 January 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Underhill (Chair)
Councillor Martin (Vice-Chair)
Councillor A. Andrew (left at 6.35 p.m.)
Councillor Azam
Councillor Murray
Councillor Phillips

9/13 **Apologies**

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Woodruff. Apologies were also submitted on behalf of both independent persons, Mr. C. Topliss and Dr. A. Sen

10/13 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2012 copies having been sent to each member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/13 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

12/13 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

13/13 **Training**

A presentation was submitted:

(see annexed)

Tony Cox, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, delivered a presentation and training session to members in relation to the new standards regime.

At the conclusion of the session Tony informed the Committee that he would wish the future role of the Standards Committee to include consideration of governance issues in addition to the mandatory standards matters it must consider.

Councillor Azam suggested that it might prove useful for the new members if a mock case was considered at a future meeting of the Committee so that members could undertake a mock review.

The meeting terminated at 7.13 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: