



## **Standards Committee – 24 January 2011**

### **Letter from Mr. L. Bates**

#### **1. Summary of report**

This report advises the Committee of the receipt of a letter to the Monitoring Officer by the Vice-Chairman on 16 November 2010.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) That the Committee record its thanks to Mr. L. Bates for his service to the Standards Committee.

#### **3. Report detail**

I have to report to Committee the receipt of a letter from Mr. Leonard Bates, Vice-Chairman, informing me of his resignation as an independent member of the Standards Committee.

Mr. Bates became an independent member of the Committee late in the municipal year 2001/2002 and has served on the Committee continuously since that time. Mr. Bates has informed me that he will be standing for election in his local constituency in South Staffordshire in May of this year and as such will be precluded from being an independent member of the Standards Committee.

Mr. Bates has rarely missed a meeting of the Committee and has, over the last few years with the handing down of local complaints by the Standards Board, devoted considerable time in sitting on the Initial Assessment Sub-Committees and Review Sub-Committees of the Standards Board which have been held during that time.

Mr. Bates has also attended Standards Board Conferences in his own time and reported back to your Committee on matters of interest which have been raised at these events.

In conclusion I am sure that the Committee would wish to put on record its thanks to Mr. Bates for his service over the last 8 years and wish him well in the future.

## Background papers

None

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