

MINUTES

meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING

date: 27 APRIL 2009

PRESENT:-

Councillors Duhra, Mrs Mills, Pugh, Whitehouse and Wynne, Mr K R Aithal, Mr J Harris, Mr A W Lee and Mr R C Tyler-Morris (Representing the Standards Committee)

Councillors Gwinnett, Haynes, Inston, Johnson, Keirle and T H Turner (Representing the Audit Committee)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jevon and Miles, and Professor G W Hurd and Mr W Parker.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Customer and Shared Services

F Davis - Group Manager, Advocacy Services
S Kembrey - Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)
P Main - Chief Financial Officer
K Perry - Senior Audit Manager

Adults and Community

S Norman - Director

Office of the Chief Executive

L Banbury - Democratic Support Officer

PRESENT BY INVITATION

S Valentine - PricewaterhouseCoopers

Wolverhampton
City Council



Election of Chair

- 1 Resolved:-
That Mr K R Aithal be elected as Chair for this meeting.

MR AITHAL IN THE CHAIR

Welcome to New Member

- 2 Members joined with the Chair in welcoming Mr A W Lee, newly appointed independent member of the Standards Committee, to his first meeting.

Declarations of Interest

- 3 No interests were declared.

Minutes

- 4 Resolved:-
That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2008 be approved as a correct record.

Annual Audit and Inspection Letter (Appendix 1)

S Valentine, PricewaterhouseCoopers, outlined the involvement of the External Auditor in the preparation of the letter and highlighted its salient points.

- 5 Resolved:-
That the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter, as now submitted, be noted.

Monitoring Officer's Annual Report (Appendix 2)

The Chief Legal officer referred to the salient points in the report, with particular reference to the progress made against the identified areas for improvement during 2008/09 and work programme for 2009/10.

- 6 Resolved:-
(a) That the report be received.

(b) That the Monitoring assessment of standards of conduct and the work programme for 2009/10, as detailed in sections 6 and 7 of the report respectively, be endorsed.