

M M I N U T E S

meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE)**

date: **30 MARCH 2010**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Gwinnett and Councillor Pugh
Mr A W Lee and Mr W A Parker (Independent Members)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Customer and Shared Services

F Davis - Group Manager (Advocacy Services)

Office of the Chief Executive

L Banbury - Democratic Support Officer

Wolverhampton
City Council



PART I – OPEN ITEMS

Election of Chair

- 29 Resolved:-
That Mr W A Parker be elected as Chair of the Assessment Sub-Committee for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

- 30 No interests were declared.

Exclusion of Press and Public

- 31 Resolved:-
That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from consideration of the items of business in Part II of the agenda, on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, exempt information falling within paragraph 7c of Schedule 12A to the Act (information presented to a Standards Committee under S58 of the Local Government Act 2000) is likely to be disclosed.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct – Follow Up (Appendix 1/12)

The Group Manager presented a report, which advised members of action taken on behalf of the Monitoring Officer, following a complaint which came before the Sub-Committee on 23 February 2010.

During the discussion, the Chair advised that he had met with the three Group Leaders who had undertaken to speak to their individual groups about issues of conduct at recent Council meetings. The Group Manager advised that training was provided for all new Members at the beginning of each municipal year and it was suggested that this should be extended to all Members of the Council.

- 32 Resolved:-
That the subject of the complaint be requested to make his apology at a full Council meeting, either personally or via the Mayor.

Complaint under the Members' Code of Conduct (Appendix 1/13)

The Group presented a report, which advised the Sub-Committee of a complaint which had been received that a Member of the City Council had failed to follow the Members' Code of Conduct. Members were required to decide whether any action should be taken in connection with the complaint and, if so, the nature of that action.

Having considered the complaint in accordance with the initial tests outlined in section 3 of the report, the Sub-Committee unanimously:-

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Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, this allegation be referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation.