

MINUTES

meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

date: **26 APRIL 2010**

PRESENT:-

Mr W A Parker (Chair)
Councillors Gwinnett, Mrs Mills and Pugh
Mr K R Aithal, Mr J Harris, Mr G W Hurd, Mr A W Lee and
Mr R C Tyler-Morris(Independent Members)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Duhra,
Miles and Wynne,

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Customer and Shared Services

F Davis - Group Manager, Advocacy Services (Deputy
Monitoring Officer)

Office of the Chief Executive

L Banbury - Democratic Support Officer

Wolverhampton
City Council



Declarations of Interest

34. No interests were declared.

Minutes

35. Resolved:-
(a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2010 be approved as a correct record.

(b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Assessment Sub-Committee held on 30 March 2010 be approved as a correct record and adopted.

Annual Review of the Constitution (Appendix 1/14)

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report, which set out the recommendations of the Special Advisory Group concerning the Annual Review of the Council's Constitution for 2009/10 together with other amendments which will complete the review for 2009/10.

It was noted that the Working Copy of the Constitution could be viewed either via the Monitoring Officer or in the Members' Room. It was further noted that the comprehensive review of the Constitution would not be completed in time for approval at Annual Council.

36. Resolved:-
That the proposed amendments to the Constitution as outlined in the report, which includes a full review of the Financial Procedure Rules, together with the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance be approved for submission to Full Council.

Planning Code of Conduct for Members and Officers and Review of the Public Speaking Procedure (Appendix 1/15)

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report, which sought approval to a revised Planning Code of Conduct for Members and Officers and revised Guide to Public Speaking at Planning Committee.

The Planning Committee had approved the revised documents at a meeting on 30 March 2010, which had taken note of information in recent Local Government Association (LGA) Guidance.

Members were of the opinion that the Code should be included in the Council's Constitution and it was agreed that this issue would be considered as part of the comprehensive review of the Constitution.

37. Resolved:-
That the Planning Code of Conduct for Members and Officers and Guide to Public Speaking at Planning Committee be endorsed and referred to Full Council for approval.