

# MINUTES

meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

date: **22 JULY 2010**

**PRESENT:-**

Mr W A Parker (Chair)  
Councillors Gwinnett, Jones, Turner and Wynne  
Mr K R Aithal and Mr A W Lee  
(Independent Members)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Miles,  
Councillor Mrs Mills, Mr J Harris, Mr G W Hurd and Mr R C Tyler-Morris

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-**

S Kembrey - Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer), Customer  
and Shared Services  
P Main - Chief Finance Officer, Customer and Shared  
Services  
L Banbury - Democratic Support Officer, Office of the  
Chief Executive

**Wolverhampton**  
City Council



**Declarations of Interest**

14 No interests were declared.

**Minutes**

15 Resolved:-  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2010 be approved as a correct record.

**Schedule of Outstanding Minutes (Appendix 1/20)**

The Democratic Support Officer presented a report, which outlined a schedule of outstanding minutes together with an indication when it was expected that reports on individual items would be submitted for consideration.

16 Resolved:-  
That the report be received.

**Revision of the Constitution (Appendix 1/21)**

The Chief Legal Officer submitted a report, which presented the report of external consultant, Stewart Dobson, providing a basis of the work to be undertaken to review the Council's Constitution during 2010/11. It was noted that detailed work to implement the Review would be led by the officer Constitution Review Group who would report to Members throughout the project as necessary. To assist in the detailed drafting of the new document it was proposed to appoint an external consultant, who should have extensive experience of local government constitution and governance matters and would be appointed from the Council's Approved List of Contractors.

Responding to comments that the views of Members were of significant importance, the Chief Legal Officer advised that, notwithstanding the Standards Committee's general responsibility for the revision of the Constitution, the draft document would be widely distributed for Member and Officer consideration prior to formal approval.

17 Resolved:-  
(a) That the report of external consultant and the proposal to appoint a further consultant to support the re-drafting of the Council's Constitution be noted.

(b) That the officer Constitution Review Group take forward the review of the Constitution with the support of the proposed external consultant and that the draft document be widely circulated to Members and Officers prior to formal approval.