

MINUTES

meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

date: **13 JANUARY 2011**

PRESENT:-

Mr W A Parker (Chairman)
Councillors Gwinnett, Jones, Mrs Mills, Turner and Wynne
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 Jones and Miles

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Customer and Shared Services

S Kembrey	-	Chief Legal Officer
P Main	-	Chief Financial Officer
S Hardwick	-	Senior Solicitor
D Sheldon	-	Corporate Procurement Manager

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L Banbury	-	Democratic Support Officer
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Declarations of Interest

47 No interests were declared.

Minutes

48 Resolved:-
That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2010 be approved as a correct record.

Schedule of Outstanding Minutes (Appendix 47)

The Democratic Support Officer submitted a report, which set out a schedule of outstanding minutes.

49 Resolved:-
That the report be received.

Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues (Appendix 48)

The Senior Solicitor presented a report, which recommended the re-adoption of provisions within Section 2 and Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, which will incorporate amendments introduced by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 to allow the licensing of sexual entertainment venues.

50 Resolved:-
(a) That the decision of Licensing Committee on 8 December 2010 be noted.

(b) That full Council be recommended to re-adopt Section 2 and Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 1982, as amended, to include the adoption of new provisions within Schedule 3 introduced by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 to apply to the City of Wolverhampton, for the Schedule to come into force with effect from 15 March 2011

(c) That the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to give public notice of this re-adoption in accordance with the requirement of Section 2(2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

(d) That the following recommendations of the Special Advisory Group be endorsed:-

1. That the Council produce a Statement of Licensing Policy relating to sex establishments or sexual or sexual entertainment venues
2. That a timetable be drawn up for public consultation on the introduction of the Statement of Licensing Policy, covering a policy for the regulation of establishments, prescribed standard conditions of operation and appropriate fees for licence applications and that the process be concluded as soon as possible within the prescribed deadlines.

(e) That a further report be presented to the Licensing Committee on any proposed policy and associated licence fees.

(f) That the Licensing Committee be authorised to discharge the Council's functions under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

Revision of the Constitution 2010/2011 – Contract Procedure Rules (Appendix 49)

The Corporate Procurement Manager presented a report, which detailed the outcome of a review of the Contract Procedure Rules in the May 2010 edition of the Council's Constitution and sought endorsement of the revised procedures for approval by full Council.

- 51 Resolved:-
That full Council be recommended to approve the proposed amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules as outlined in the report.

Localism Bill (Appendix 50)

The Chief Legal Officer presented a report, which advised Members of the publication of the Localism Bill on 13 December 2010, summarise the Bill and outlined arrangements for the dissemination of information relating to the Bill throughout the Authority.

- 52 Resolved:-
That the report be received.

Monitoring Officer's Report (Appendix 51)

The Chief Legal Officer presented a report, which presented information in regard to local assessment and the future of Standards for England and the Standards Framework.

- 53 Resolved:-
That the report be received.