

MINUTES

meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

date: **17 JANUARY 2012**

PRESENT:-

Mr W Parker (Chair)
Councillors Mrs Bradley and O'Neill
Mr R Aithal, Mr J Harris, Mr G W Hurd and
Mr R C Tyler-Morris (Independent Members)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors
Gwinnett, Mrs Samuels and Turner

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Delivery Directorate

L Banbury	-	Democratic Support Officer
F Davis	-	Group Manager (Advocacy Services)
P Main	-	Assistant Director (Corporate Services)
P Tedstone	-	Democratic Services Manager

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Declarations of Interest

46 No interests were declared.

Minutes

47 Resolved:-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2011 be approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Mr J Harris in the list of those present at the meeting.

Schedule of Outstanding Minutes (Appendix 44)

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

48 Resolved:-

That the report be received.

Revision of the Constitution 2011/12 – Housekeeping Issues Appendix 25)

A report was presented, which outlined proposed mid year revisions to the May 2011 edition of the Council's Constitution (as updated in July 2011) to be endorsed for approval at full Council on 8 February 2012. A further copy of the changes to the Financial Procedure Rules, clearly highlighting the proposed deletions and additions, was circulated at the meeting.

49 Resolved:-

That the proposed amendments to the Constitution, as detailed in Section 3 of the report, be endorsed for approval by full Council on 8 February 2012.

The Localism Act 2011 – Standards (Appendix 26)

The Group Manager (Advocacy Services) presented a report, which advised the Committee of the provisions relating to Standards contained in the Localism Act 2011 and detailed action required to implement the new regime. The Officer advised that it was now likely that the provisions would not be in place until 1 July 2012, adding that the regulations defining the proposed written register of interests was awaited.

50 Resolved:-

(a) That the report, outlining the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 relating to Standards, be noted.

(b) That further reports be submitted in due course on the the action required to implement the provisions of the Act, as detailed in Section 4 of the report.

Members' Allowances Scheme 2012/13 (Appendix 27)

The Democratic Services Manager presented a report which sought consideration of the Scheme of Members' Allowances for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, for recommendation to full Council.

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Resolved:-

That full Council be recommended to approve the continuation of the current Scheme of Members' Allowances, including current levels of basic and special responsibility allowances, with effect from 1 April 2012.