STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 13th September, 2012

Councillor P.G. Barnes (Chair)

Councillors: F.J.D. Boot P.A. Hughes

M.R. Payne(a) S.J. Prew-Smith(a)

G.G. Tunnicliffe Mr D. Evans Mr G. T. Parkinson Mr G Wallis (a)

Officers in Attendance: H. Barrington

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Payne and Prew Smith and Mr G. Parkinson.

TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

9 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

10 UPDATE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW STANDARDS REGIME UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT

Consideration was given to a report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, having been previously circulated, updating Members on the progress made in introducing the new Standards Regime as required under the Localism Act.

RESOLVED to:

- 1. note the report; and
- 2. set up a sub-committee comprising Councillors Barnes, Hughes and Boot and Mr Gordon Wallis to deal with the recruitment of the reserve Independent Person.

11 OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON PERSONAL INTERESTS: A GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS

Consideration was given to a report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, having been previously circulated, informing Members that the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has issued a Guide for Councillors on Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the guide and request that the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer circulate the guide to all Borough Councillors and Parish Clerks (for circulation to Parish Councillors).

12 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.