

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14th September, 2006

Mr. J.P Lesquereux (Chairman)

Councillors:	Councillor P.G. Barnes (a)	Councillor F.J.D. Boot (a)
	Councillor C.N.F.W. Pratt	Mr. J.R. Baggaley
	Mr. G.D Proctor	Mr. G Wallis

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnes and Boot.

2 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2006

RESOLVED:

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

3 INDEPENDENT MEMBER APPOINTMENT PANEL

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that the Panel convened to consider the appointment of an Independent Member had met on 30 August 2006.

It was proposed that Council on 11 October be asked to appoint Mr J Baggaley as an Independent Member following his resignation as a Parish Council representative.

No nominations had been received for the appointment of a replacement Parish Council representative.

RESOLVED:

To note the information and to thank Mr Lesquereux for his Chairmanship of the Standard Committee.

4 FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that the Assembly would take place in Birmingham on 16 and 17 October 2006. The theme would be "Bridging the Gap" towards effective local regulation".

The Committee were asked to consider whether a member of the Committee would attend the Assembly.

RESOLVED:

To authorise the attendance of Mr J.R Baggaley at the Assembly.

5 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that meetings with Parish Councils had now been completed.

This report was designed to inform members of the outcome of those meetings by drawing together the common themes from the minutes of those meetings and to assist members to identify particular points of further action.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

6 OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL LETTER 2005/06

The Ombudsman's Annual letter was submitted as an Appendix to this report, for information.

There were no findings of maladministration against the Council and response times were within the target set out by the Ombudsman.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

7 STANDARDS BOARD REFERRALS - 2005/06

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that the Standards Board had considered one referral from the Borough in the Year 2005/06. Details of the referral were included in the report.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm