

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Friday, 23rd May, 2008

Mr J.R Baggaley (Chairman)

Councillors:	P.G. Barnes (a)	F.J.D. Boot (a)
	C.N.F.W. Pratt	G.D Proctor
	G.T Parkinson (a)	G Wallis

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Boot.

2 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2008.

RESOLVED:

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

3 STANDARDS COMMITTEE (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

The Head of Democratic and Community Services reported that the above Regulations had now been published and a summary was submitted at Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED:

i. To recommend to Council that the Standards Committee be established with a membership of 3 elected representatives 4 Independent Members and 4 Parish representatives to improve the capacity of the Committee to deal with local hearings.

ii. To recommend to Council that it delegates power to the Standards Committee to deal with the recruitment of independent and parish members of the Committee.

iii. That Robert Lilley from Bassetlaw District Council Standards Committee, be invited to speak to the Standards Committee on his experiences of case hearings.

iv. That the Assessment and Review Sub Committees be made up of 3 Members, comprising 1 elected Member, 1 independent Member and 1 Parish Member wherever possible. Membership to be drawn ad hoc from the whole Committee membership.

v. The sub Committee to be chaired by an Independent Member elected on the day.

vi. Allegations of breach of the Code of Conduct to the Standards Committee to be dealt with as a separate system to the Council's Corporate Complaints System. The separate Complaints form to be based on the Standards Board template details to be drafted by Officers and circulated to Committee Members for comment.

**4 THE STANDARDS BOARD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
BIRMINGHAM 13/14 OCTOBER 2008**

The Head of Democratic and Community Services reported that this year's conference called "Delivering the Goods: Local Standards in Action" would concentrate on local standards and explaining how to put the new framework into action.

Members were requested to consider whether they would wish to nominate a member to attend the conference.

RESOLVED:

To authorise the attendance of the Chairman at the above Conference.

5 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

The following item was considered as a matter of urgency.

COMPLAINT

The Monitoring Officer advised Members of a complaint received from Mrs Baggaley.

Mr J Baggaley declared a personal prejudicial interest; left the meeting and Mr G Wallis took the Chair.

Mr Wallis in the Chair.

RESOLVED:

To request the Monitoring Officer to prepare a report and refer the Matter to the Assessment Sub-Committee

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm