

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 10th February, 2011**

Mr J.R. Baggaley (Chairman)

Councillors:	P.G. Barnes C.N.F.W. Pratt Mr D. Kotak Mr G.D Proctor	F.J.D. Boot Mr D. Evans Mr G. T. Parkinson Mr G Wallis
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Officers in attendance: S M Sale, H Barrington.

### **9 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**RESOLVED:**

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

### **10 LOCALISM BILL/MINUTES OF THE HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Localism Bill was currently going through the legislative process and was expected to secure the Royal Assent by the end of the year. The Bill contained provisions relating to The Standards regime.

Standards for England would be abolished however each relevant authority (which would include the Borough Council) would have a duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority. With the abolition of Standards for England goes the abolition of the National Code of Conduct. The Bill provided for an authority to adopt, if it so wished, a code dealing with the conduct expected of members.

Members considered the impact of the legislation and the value of the experience of the current Standards Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

1. To note the report on the Localism Bill and the minutes of the Hearing Sub-Committee.
2. To recommend to the Council that once the legislation is in force in order to fulfil its obligations as to Standards of conduct it should consider:
  - i) the adoption of a Gedling Code of Conduct,
  - ii) that a Code of Conduct, if adopted, should be managed by a Committee which includes both independent and elected Members.

(Mr Kotak arrived during consideration of the above item)

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.