

**MINUTES  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Monday 16 December 2013**

Councillor Peter Barnes (Chair)

In attendance:	Councillor John Boot	Councillor Gordon Tunnicliffe
	Councillor Paul Hughes	Mr. D. Evans
	Councillor Michael Payne	Mr. G. Parkinson
	Councillor Suzanne Prew-Smith	Mr. G. Wallis

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington

**9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

None.

**10 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2013.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**12 OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON PERSONAL INTERESTS:  
A GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS – UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2013**

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing members of the Standards Committee that the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has issued a further updated Guide for Councillor on Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the contents of the updated guide.

**13 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing members of the

Standards Committee of complaints received under the new standards regime between June 2013 and 31 October 2013.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the contents of the report.

**14 REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking the views of the Committee about whether the Code of Conduct should be amended to reflect the new descriptions of the Seven Principles of Public Life.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Code of Conduct should not be amended at this time.

**15 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

The meeting finished at 5.05 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: