

SPECIAL COMMITTEE (APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE)

28 March 2007

Attendance:

Councillors:

Pines (Chairman) (P)

Berry (P)
Chapman (P)
Cook (P)
Evans (P)
Hammerton (P)

Howell (P)
Jeffs (P)
Lipscomb (P)
Sutton (P)
Verney

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Pines be elected Chairman of the Committee for the meeting.

2. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
###	Appointment of Independent Members and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee	Information relating to any individual. (Para 1 to Schedule 12A refers).

3. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

(Report SC3 refers)

Councillors Cook, Jeffs and Pines declared personal and prejudicial interests in view of their level of acquaintance with one of the applicants for the Parish Representative positions and left the meeting during consideration of that applicant. Cllr Hammerton took the Chair whilst Councillor Pines was absent from the meeting.

Cllr Lipscomb declared a personal and prejudicial interest in view of his friendship with the family of one of the applicants for the Parish Representative positions and left the meeting during consideration of that applicant.

The City Secretary and Solicitor reminded the meeting that Council (on 28 February 2007) had established the Special Committee, to consider applications to serve as Independent Members and Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee for the 2007/08 and 2008/09 Municipal Years. The Special Committee was requested to submit recommendations on those appointments to Council on 18 April 2007. It would also be helpful if the Committee submitted a further recommendation which nominated one of the Independent Members to act as Chairman of the Standards Committee.

Appended to the above report were the applications received for both roles.

The Committee was informed that, from the current representation, Mr John Spokes (Independent Member and current Chairman of the Standards Committee) and Mr Geoffrey Sharman (Parish Representative) did not wish to seek reappointment for a further term.

With regard to the composition of the Standards Committee, the City Secretary and Solicitor reminded the meeting that the Council had adopted the guidance from the Standards Board for England and appointed an Independent Member as Chairman of the Committee. The Council had also agreed that the overall membership should have non-Councillors in the majority (Council Procedure Rule 17(7) refers).

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES NOW SELECTED BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2007/08 AND 2008/09 MUNICIPAL YEARS (DETAILS IN EXEMPT MINUTE).

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and concluded at 6.45pm

Chairman