

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

7 February 2005

Attendance:

Councillors:

Baxter (Chairman) (P)

Cook (P)
Hoare
Nelmes (P)

Nunn (P)
Quar
Rees

Independent Members and Parish Representatives in attendance:

Prof. R Johns (Independent Member)
Dr. B Spender (Independent Member)
Mr J Spokes (Independent Member)
Mr D Makewell (Parish Representative)

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillor Davies

797. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Quar and Rees.

798. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 17 May 2004 be approved and adopted.

799. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Cook be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the 2004/05 Municipal Year.

800. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

801. **LOBBY GROUPS, DUAL-HATTED MEMBERS AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT – GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE STANDARDS BOARD**
(Report ST36 refers)

RESOLVED:

1 That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee to update the Council's Planning Protocol, as outlined in the above report.

2 That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on a Local Protocol on potential issues where a conflict of interest could arise with dual-hatted members (i.e. those who are also on other public bodies or voluntary groups.)

802. **STANDARDS BOARD ROADSHOW 2005**
(Report ST39 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman, Professor Johns, and the City Secretary & Solicitor (or his representative) attend the Standards Board Roadshow to be held in Southampton on 3 March 2005.

803. **LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS – STANDARDS BOARD GUIDANCE**
(Report ST39 refers)

RECOMMENDED:

1 THAT, SUBJECT TO ANY COMMENTS THAT MAY BE RECEIVED FROM PARISH COUNCILS, THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO HEARINGS OF INDIVIDUAL CASES BY A STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE, AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 3 TO THE ABOVE REPORT, BE APPROVED.

2 THAT REGARD BE HAD TO THE STATUTORY GUIDANCE, AS UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME, IN CASES REFERRED FOR LOCAL INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER ITS PROVISIONS.

3 THAT SUCH GUIDANCE BE ALSO USED, AS FAR AS RELEVANT AND PRACTICABLE, IN DEALING WITH ANY COMPLAINTS THAT RELATE TO ALLEGED BREACHES OF LOCAL PROTOCOLS, WHERE REFERENCE TO THE STANDARDS BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED.

804. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**
(Report ST37 refers)

RECOMMENDED:

1 THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL ON 13 APRIL 2005 THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND TWO PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2005/06 AND 2006/07 MUNICIPAL YEARS.

2 THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED WITH NINE MEMBERS ON THE POLITICAL BALANCE FORMULA OF 4:3:1:1.

3 THAT GROUP LEADERS BE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE AT COUNCIL ON 24 FEBRUARY 2005 THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

2 THAT MR PETER GWYNN BE THANKED FOR HIS PAST SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEE.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.50 pm.

Chairman