

Standards Committee

**Friday, 11th July, 2014
10.00 - 11.20 am**

Attendees	
Borough Councillors:	Garth Barnes, Bernard Fisher (Chair), Roger Whyborn and John Payne
Independent Members:	Mr Martin Jauch, Mr Duncan Chittenden
Also in attendance:	Sara Freckleton (Monitoring Officer)

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Regan, Fletcher and Wheeler had given their apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 April 2014 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

4. OVERVIEW OF THE WORK OF COMMITTEE

The Monitoring Officer gave a short presentation on the work of the committee and an update on the implementation of the Conduct Regime pursuant to the Localism Act 2011.

5. REVIEW OF PROTOCOLS

The Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Sara Freckleton introduced the report. The report sought agreement of the Committee to the methodology and timescale for the review of the "Probity in Licensing" Protocol which was adopted by the Council in October 2006. The report set out the terms of reference and the membership which included three members to the Standards Committee.

Resolved that

i) a "task and finish" working group of members and officers is established to review "Probity in Licensing" and prepare a revised version for consideration by the Standards Committee. The composition and terms of reference of the working group will be as set out at paragraph 3.3 of this report.

ii) Councillors Fisher, Regan and Mr Martin Jauch join the working group as representatives of the Standards Committee

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXEMPT INFORMATION

Upon a vote it was unanimously

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business as it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1, Schedule 12A (as amended) Local Government Act 1972, namely: Information relating to an individual/likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

7. REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS

The Monitoring Officer gave a report on a review of complaints. The committee noted the decisions taken and did not consider that there was any further action which could appropriately be taken and neither were there any training needs identified for the wider Council membership arising from these complaints.

8. EXEMPT MINUTES

Resolved that the exempt minutes of the last meeting held on 8 April 2014 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Borough Solicitor and Monitoring officer explained that following the recent elections and subsequent changes to committee membership there was a need to confirm which members from this committee would be on the Planning Code of Conduct Group.

Resolved that Councillors Fisher, Payne and Mr Duncan Chittenden join the working group as representatives of the Standards Committee.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 22 October 2014.

Councillor Fisher
Chairman