

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Standards Committee held on
Tuesday 24 August 2010 at 10.00 am in Meeting Room 4,
King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

PRESENT:

Mr M Sale (Chairman - Independent Member),
Mr G Brierley (Independent Member), Mr R Steward (Independent Member),
Mr J Dawson (Parish Representative),
Mr E Langford (Parish Representative – observing for training purposes),
Mr D Shepperson (Parish Representative),
Councillors D Harwood, J R Legg, A Tyler and C Walters,
Nicola Leader (Legal Services Manager/Monitoring Officer),
Jacqui Bullen (Investigating Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer),
Teresa Campion (Investigating Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer),
Wendy Vincent (Democratic Services Officer)

The Chairman welcomed Mr E Langford (newly appointment Parish Representative) to his first meeting of the Standards Committee. At the invitation of the Chairman, those present introduced themselves.

The Monitoring Officer advised that Mr Langford would be observing the proceedings and would take no part in the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor I Goodson.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7C, Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended).

4 REPORTS OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS

Report 14/09

The Committee considered the report of the investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 by the Investigating Officer, Nicola Leader. It was explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the

Standards committee to consider whether the Committee agreed with the Investigating Officer's findings that no breach of Paragraph 3(1) of the Model Code had occurred.

The Committee thanked the Investigating Officer for the report she had prepared.

RESOLVED: That, the Committee agrees with the findings of the Investigating Officer that no breach had occurred.

Report 19/10

The Committee considered the report of the investigation under Section 60(2) of the Local Government Act 2000 by the Investigating Officer, Jacqui Bullen. It was explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the Standards committee to consider whether the Committee agreed with the Investigating Officer's findings that no breach of Paragraph 3(1) of the Model Code had occurred.

The Committee thanked the Investigating Officer for the report she had prepared.

RESOLVED: That, the Committee agrees with the findings of the Investigating Officer that no breach had occurred.

Report 07/09

The Committee considered the report of the investigation under Section 60(2) of the Local Government Act 2000 by the Investigating Officer, Teresa Champion. It was explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the Standards Committee to consider whether the Committee agreed with the Investigating Officer's findings that no breach of Paragraphs 3(1), 3(2)(b), 5 and 10 of the Model Code had occurred.

The Committee thanked the Investigating Officer for the report she had prepared.

RESOLVED: That, the Committee agrees with the findings of the Investigating Officer that no breach had occurred.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Full Standards Committee would take place on Thursday 14 October 2010 at 10.30 am in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn.

The Meeting closed at 11.00 am