

## SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE held on 27 July 2009, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 4.00pm.

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Present: Ms H Putman

Councillors: C Lunn, Mrs K McSherry

Mr B Crossdale (Parish Council representative), Mr R Parker (Parish Council representative)

Officials: Monitoring Officer, Senior Solicitor and Committee Administrator

Observers: Mrs W Stables and Mr T Clay

Public: 0

Press: 0

### 162 **Introduction of New Members**

The Monitoring Officer introduced Mrs W Stables and Mr T Clay who had been recommended to be the new independent member and reserve subject to final appointment at full Council on 28 July 2009.

### 163 **Appointment of Chair**

In the absence of Miss Potts, Ms H Putman took the Chair.

### 164 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ms M Davis

165 **Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interests declared but the Monitoring Officer gave a brief overview as to why this was a standard item on the agenda.

166 **Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 30 March 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.**

167 **Local Hearings**

The Monitoring Officer gave background to the receipt of correspondence received from some members of the Standards Committee concerning some of the administrative procedures, which had been put in place.

Ms Putman, on behalf of the members confirmed that they were happy with his response.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that responses were being received from Parish Councils in response to his request concerning the Declaration of Interests. He would make a full report back to the next scheduled committee meeting.

The Monitoring Officer also informed members that he had received good feedback from the Standard Board for England legal team regarding a recent Hearing meeting.

168 **Local Assessment Protocol**

The Senior Solicitor presented the Local Assessment Protocol seeking member's endorsement of the protocol, which would clarify and streamline processes for dealing with complaints and allow for the delegation to the Monitoring Officer to seek other action options where necessary without the need for the Local Assessment Sub group to formally request it.

**Resolved:**

**That the Local Assessment Protocol be endorsed and adopted.**

169            **Update Monitoring Report**

The Monitoring Officer presented the monitoring report. Whilst members were mindful that the report is a public paper, members requested further details be issued to them under separate cover to assist with the identification of cases.

170            **Training for Hemingbrough Parish Council**

The Monitoring Officer updated members on the issues concerning Hemingbrough Parish Council.

Two sessions had been organised and will be jointly run by the Yorkshire Local Council's Association and Selby District Council. The sessions will be only open to the members of the Parish Council and the clerk.

171            **Date of Next Meeting**

Due to the attendance of the Vice Chair and Monitoring Officer at the Annual Standards Board Conference it was requested that the next meeting of the Standards Committee scheduled for 12 October 2009 be rescheduled.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm.