

## Minutes

### Standards Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	19 March 2012
Present:	Councillors B Crossdale, C Lunn, Mrs K McSherry, R Parker, Miss H Putman (Chair) and Mrs W Stables
Apologies for Absence:	Councillor Mrs M Davis
Officers Present:	Jonathan Lund – Monitoring Officer, Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor and Karen Mann - Democratic Services Officer

#### **24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **25. MINUTES**

The minutes from the Standards Committee meeting on the 23 January 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of the Local Assessment Sub Committee held on the 23 January and 20 February 2012 were also submitted for approval.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 23 January 2012**
- ii) To receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Local Assessment Sub Committee held on the 23 January 2012 and 20 February 2012.**

#### **26. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and particular thanks to Karen Mann for supporting the committee. The Chairman and others present wished Karen well in her new post as Clerk to Selby Town Council.

## **27. CASE MONITORING REPORT**

The Monitoring Officer presented the current case monitoring report up to the end of February 2012.

Several of the outstanding reports were near completion. The Monitoring Officer had passed several complaints to an external investigation officer to assist in bringing them to an early conclusion.

Due to the nature of information relating to SDC2012002 the Monitoring Officer requested that the Committee move into Part II – Private Session to allow him to update members on an ongoing complaint.

### **Private Session**

**RESOLVED - To exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Access to Information provisions under Part 5 of the Local Government Act 1972.**

Following the brief update the meeting returned to public session.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To receive and note the report and findings of the Monitoring Officer.**

## **28. THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

The Monitoring Officer presented a draft report for the committee to consider prior to submission to Council in April 2012. The report included recommended changes made by the Standards Committee members at the last meeting. The Committee debated the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To note the report.**

The Chair thanked all members for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.