

Time Commenced – 10.00am  
Time Finished – 11.10am

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**14 APRIL 2008**

**Present:** Reverend Canon R B Blowers – Chair  
Mrs C McDowall, Mr P Sunderland  
Councillors Jackson, Skelton and Wood

**Officers in Attendance:** Michael Foote - Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Services  
Steve Dunning – Assistant Director – Democratic Services  
Andrew Thomas – Principal Solicitor – Legal Services

**43/07 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**44/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**45/07 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Jackson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute no 48/07 below because she had been interviewed as a witness in the case.

**45/07 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2008 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

**46/07 Delivering the Goods – Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees – 13/14 October 2008**

It was noted that the Standards Board for England annual conference was being held in Birmingham on 13/14 October 2008. Philip Sunderland and Andrew Thomas would attend along with a Councillor to be nominated after the Annual Meeting.

**47/07 Local Assessment**

The Committee noted that the new regulations and guidance for local assessment were still awaited.

A meeting to discuss possible joint working between Derby, Leicester and Nottingham City Councils on local assessment framework had been held to consider joint working, training and the possibility of a pool of investigators.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## **48/07      Investigation Relating to Complaint Against a Councillor**

The Committee considered a report setting out details of an investigation into an allegation against Councillor Banwait of a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct.

The report concluded that in terms of the allegation no breach of the Council's Code of Conduct had occurred.

**Resolved**

- 1. to accept the conclusion of the investigation that no breach of the Council's Code of Conduct had occurred.**
- 2. to ask the Director of Corporate and Adult Services to write to the following people to inform them of the decision:**
  - The Complainant**
  - Councillor Banwait**
  - The Standards Board for England**

(Having declared an interest in the above item Councillor Jackson left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.)

## **49/07      Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Standards Committee would take place on Monday 14 July 2008 at 10am.

MINUTES END