

Time Commenced – 10.20am
Time Finished – 12.50pm

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
18 AUGUST 2005**

Present: Reverend Canon R B Blowers – Chair
Mrs C McDowall
Councillors Baxter, Latham and Skelton

Officers in Attendance: Stuart Leslie – Chief Legal Officer
Karen Squires – Senior Constitutional Services Officer

1/05 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr Bagga.

2/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Baxter and Skelton declared a personal interest in minute number 4/05 Dispensation for Councillors as they were members of the General Licensing Sub Committee.

4/05 Dispensation for Councillors

This item was withdrawn as the application which required Councillors to apply for a dispensation had been withdrawn.

5/05 Local Determination

The Chair welcomed Councillor Liversedge and Fariha Ayyub, Representative of the Ethical Standards Officer, to the meeting.

The Committee considered a report from the Ethical Standards Officer. The report stated that on 26 June 2004 the Councillor had sworn at a car park attendant in front of members of the public after the attendant had issued a car parking fine ticket to his car and the Councillor had then put pressure on the attendant and his supervisor to cancel the parking fine.

The Committee considered submissions from the Ethical Standards Officer and Councillor Liversedge. It was decided that Councillor Liversedge had breached the Local Government Code of Conduct. He had failed to treat the car park attendant and supervisor with respect and tried to compromise their impartiality.

The Committee decided that this was a serious matter but in reaching its decision, took into account that Councillor Liversedge had apologised to the Car Parking Attendant.

Resolved

- 1. To censure Councillor Liversedge.**
- 2. To suspend Councillor Liversedge for a period of one week or until he wrote a letter of apology to the Car Parking Supervisor.**
- 3. To recommended that Councillor Liversedge undertake additional training in the Code of Conduct at the next available session.**

MINUTES END