

Time Commenced – 2.00pm

Time Finished – 3.00pm

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

7 APRIL 2006

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

Officers in Attendance: Michael Foote – Corporate Director - Corporate and Adult Social Services
Steve Dunning – Assistant Director – Democratic Services

31/05 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Latham.

32/05 Late Items

The chair asked for a briefing to be given regarding the checks that were in place for the handling of major projects.

Michael Foote, Corporate Director Corporate and Adult Social Services informed the Committee that detailed reports went to Council Cabinet which were received by every Member and that these could be subject to Call-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions and were audited by both external and internal auditors.

33/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The minutes for the meeting at which Mr Sunderland was appointed were requested. It was agreed that these would be taken at a future meeting.

34/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

35/05 Independent Members Networking Forum.

Details of an independent Members networking forum were circulated to the Committee.

Resolved to agree that Mr Sunderland would attend the next meeting of the Independent Members Networking Forum and would report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

36/05 Fifth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees – Bridging the Gap

The Committee considered an invitation to this years fifth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.

It was agreed that this event had been worthwhile in the past.

Resolved to

- 1. secure Mr P Sunderland a place at this years Annual Assembly**
- 2. ask Steve Dunning, Assistant Director Democratic Services to write to Councillor Latham to ask if she wished to attend.**
- 3. invite an appropriate officer to attend.**

37/05 Member Training 2006/7

Steve Dunning, Assistant Director Democratic services highlighted the arrangements that had been in place over the last 12 months regarding the Ethical Framework.

Resolved to

- 1. hold a compulsory training day devoted to Ethical Framework for new Members;**
- 2. and for an invitation to be sent to all Councillors regarding the training.**

Minutes End