

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON 15 JULY 2010**

PRESENT: Mr. N. Edwards (in the Chair)
Mr. E. Davies (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Blackburn, Brady, Hill and Papworth and
Mr. J. Fraser (Independent Member) and Mrs. B.
O'Brien and Mr. D. Warren (Parish Council
Members)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fairclough and Howe.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009 -10

The Committee considered the report of the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services which incorporated the draft version of the Annual Report on the work of the Committee for 2009/10.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2009/10 be approved; and
- (2) the report be referred to the Council on 2 September 2010 for consideration.

5. PROPOSED DECENTRALISATION AND LOCALISM BILL

The Committee considered the report of the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services which indicated that the Government had announced that a Decentralisation and Localism Bill would be published in the Autumn and would include proposals for the abolition of the Standards Board regime.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

6. CASE SUMMARIES - RECENT INVESTIGATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Legal Director which incorporated copies of two case summaries published by Standards for England following recent investigations by Ethical Standards Officers.

RESOLVED:

That the report on the case summaries be noted.