

**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.