

## Minutes of Standards Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 16 June 2010 starting at 6.30pm  
Present: B Dearing (Chairman)

Councillors:

D Smith

Parish Councillors:

M Birch  
C Law  
E Law-Riding  
D Moon

Independent Members:

R Bennett  
B Dearing  
G Wilkinson

In attendance: Legal Services Manager.

### 125 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Hirst, M Robinson and D Taylor.

### 126 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

### 128 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 129 REFERENCES FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no references from Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### 130 THE ROLE OF STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND

The Legal Services Manager submitted a report informing Committee about the recent recommendations following a review of the Local Standards Framework.

However, the new Coalition Government had stated its intention to abolish Standards for England and the Annual Assembly had been cancelled until further information was known. This was expected in the Autumn of 2010.

The Legal Services Manager suggested that the Standards Committee meeting scheduled for September might be postponed until further information had been received. In the meantime she would email members of Committee with any up to date information. She also informed Committee that, should any complaints be received in the interim period they would be dealt with under the current system.

The Committee felt that Standards Committee in some form should remain so that they are available as and when required to deal with complaints at a local authority level.

**RESOLVED:** That Committee agree to postpone the September meeting of the Standards Committee if further information has not been received regarding the new Coalition Government's intentions, and provided no other matters arise in the interim. The Committee will meet if the proposals post abolition of Standards of England are known.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Diane Rice (414418).

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