

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2011 at 5.00 pm  
in Committee Room 4, The Council House, Dudley

### **PRESENT: -**

The Bishop of Dudley (Independent Chairman)  
Councillors Ahmed, Burston, Hanif, Kettle and Ms Partridge; Mrs V Ainsworth .

### **Officers: -**

The Director of Corporate Resources and Mr J Jablonski (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

### **1      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Martin and Father A.Williams.

### **2      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member made a declaration of interest, in accordance with Members' Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

### **3      MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting at the Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed.

### **4      APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES FOR 2011/12**

A report of the Monitoring Officer was submitted on the re-appointment of the Committee's three Sub Committee's for the 2011/12 municipal year, so as to continue the arrangements for the local initial assessment and hearing of complaints under the Member's Code of Conduct.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Referrals Sub Committee, Review Sub Committee and Hearings Sub Committee be re-appointed for the 2011/12 municipal year with the following memberships and with their existing terms of reference:-

	<u>Referral Sub Committee</u> Mrs V Ainsworth (Chairman) Councillors Ahmed and Kettle	<u>Review Sub Committee</u> Father Alan Williams (Chairman) Councillors Burston and Ms Partridge	<u>Hearings Sub Committee</u> The Bishop of Dudley (Chairman) Councillors Hanif and Mrs Martin
5	<u>WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12</u>  A report of the Monitoring Officer was submitted on a proposed work programme for the Committee for 2011/12.  RESOLVED  That the work programme of the Committee for 2011/12, as set out below, be approved:-		
	<u>Date of meeting</u>	<u>Items of business</u>	
	23rd June 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of sub-committees</li> <li>• Legal update (verbal)</li> <li>• Work Programme 2011/12</li> </ul>	
	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Confidential Reporting Policy</li> <li>• Annual Report – Members Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Update of the Code of Conduct for Employees</li> <li>• The Local Standards Framework/Current Position</li> </ul>	
	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report Of the Committee on Standards in Public Life</li> <li>• Summary of Decisions by the Adjudication Panel for England</li> <li>• The Local Standards Framework/Current Position</li> </ul>	
	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Standards Framework/Current Position.</li> </ul>	

LEGAL UPDATE

The Director of Corporate Resources informed the Committee of the following matters:-

- (a) That the Localism bill, envisaged to be law by the end of this year, was currently at its Committee Stage where consideration was being given to detailed amendments; and
- (b) That training in particular for new members had been organised on the Code of Conduct for Members for Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 at 5.00pm at the Council House, Dudley, and that any other members who wish to attend would be welcome. Details would be e-mailed to all Members.

RESOLVED

That the matters reported on be noted.

The meeting ended at 5.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN