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Decisions of the Standards Committee held on Thursday 20 May 2010

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DECISIONS:

1. THE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Previous Reference: Minute 53 (2009/10)

Resolved -

- (1) That items on fostering a good working relationship with the group whips and with the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee be added to the work programme.
- (2) That a progress report be presented to a future meeting of the Committee on the items described in appendix 1 to Document "T".

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

2. ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Resolved -

That the following matters be progressed in order to deliver improvements to the complaints process:-

- The development of a guidance note to go out with the complaints form
- The revision of the Code of Conduct into a more user friendly document, following receipt of the impending revisions.
- Discussion with town and parish clerks on the issue of induction for newly elected town and parish councillors.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)









3. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

Resolved -

That the draft Annual Report attached to Document "V" be noted.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

4. REVIEW OF THE PLANNING CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved -

- (1) That the proposed amendments to the Members Planning Code of Conduct contained in the Appendix to Document "W" be noted and recommended to the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for adoption by Council, save for the amendment described in (3) below.
- (2) That the action taken by the Assistant Director Planning and the Assistant Director Corporate Services (City Solicitor) in response to the recommendations made by the Standards Board's Ethical Standards Officer in response to an investigation into the conduct of a councillor under complaint number SBE-06997-NNQOS be noted.
- (3) That this Committee does not agree with the proposed amendment to paragraph 14.1 of the appendix to Document "W".

(Frank Suadwa – 01274 432183)

5. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND DECISIONS

Resolved -

That the information contained in Document "X" be noted.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

6. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved -

That the work programme as amended at this meeting be noted.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

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