

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

5.00 P.M.

2ND AUGUST 2012

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Roger Sherlock (Chairman), Chris Coates, Roger Mace, Joyce Taylor and David Whitaker

In attendance

Tony James, David Jordison

Apologies for Absence

Councillors Sheila Denwood, Billy Hill

Officers in attendance:-

Sarah Taylor

Head of Governance / Monitoring Officer

Peter Baines

Senior Democratic Support Officer

### 50 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

***Resolved:***

That Councillor Mace be appointed Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the current municipal year.

### 51 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

### 52 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

### 53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mace declared an interest in Item 55 on the agenda, stating that he was a member of the same political group as the appellant.

### 54 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

***Resolved:***

That in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

### 55 APPEAL TO THE FIRST TIER TRIBUNAL (LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS IN ENGLAND) (COMPLAINT 7/11)

The Chairman introduced an exempt report which advised the Standards Committee of an appeal to the First Tier Tribunal (Local Government Standards in England), and sought views on the Committee's suggested response.

In the course of discussion, there was general agreement on the need to contest the appeal, although concerns were raised about the potential cost to the council.

It was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Councillor Coates, that the Committee should contest the appeal, and delegate the formulation of the formal response to the Monitoring Officer.

On being put to the vote, four members voted in favour and one voted against. Councillor Mace wished it to be recorded that he voted against the motion.

***Resolved:***

That the appeal be contested, and the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to formulate a response to the Tribunal.

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Chairman

(The meeting ended at 5.40 p.m.)

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