STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10.00 A.M. 25TH JULY 2013

PRESENT:- Councillors Roger Mace (Chairman), Roger Sherlock (Vice-Chairman),

Chris Coates, Billy Hill, Joyce Taylor and Paul Gardner

<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Councillor David Whitaker

Officers in attendance:-

Sarah Taylor Chief Officer (Governance) and Monitoring Officer

Liz Bateson Principal Democratic Support Officer

8 MINUTES

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

9 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11 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 items of business on the grounds that they could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of schedule 12A.

12 COMPLAINT 8/13

The Monitoring Officer introduced an exempt report about a code of conduct complaint and gave the views of the Independent Person, having discussed it with him and the Chairman in accordance with the arrangements for dealing with such an allegation.

The Committee was requested to determine whether or not any further action should be taken on the complaint.

In the course of the discussions, Members indicated that they agreed with the advice of the Independent Person as set out in the exempt report, and felt that it was not appropriate for any further action to be taken with regard to the complaint.

Resolved:

(1) That no further action be taken with regard to Complaint 8/13, and that the

Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, be requested to write to the								
Councillor	concerned	and to	the	complainant	setting	out	the	Committee's
decision.								

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.)

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