

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in Room F49, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:-

Independent Members: -

B. Betts, K. Belshaw, J.M. Hill (from minute number 1053), J.R. Jaffray, R. Lilley, D.J. Wright and J. Yates.

Parish Council Members:-

K. Reid

Members: -

Councillors M.J. Dooley, H. J. Gilmour, V.P. Mills and A.M. Syrett.

Officers:-

A. Turner (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and A. Bluff (Democratic Services Officer).

J. Yates – In the Chair

1047. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P.R. Hendry, A. Gascoyne (Independent Member), W. Lumley (Chief Executive Officer) and S. E. A. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer).

1048. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair informed the meeting of an urgent item of business to be considered, being a recommended item from the Executive held on 4th April 2011, entitled 'Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Membership'. This item would be discussed as the last item on the agenda.

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1049. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

1050. MINUTES – 8th MARCH 2011

Moved by Councillor M. J. Dooley, seconded by Councillor H. J. Gilmour
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting held on 8th March 2011 be approved as a correct record.

1051. COMPLAINTS TO THE STANDARDS BOARD

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented information in relation to complaints made against Members. No complaints had been received for 2011.

Moved and seconded.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1052. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2010/11

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report in relation to the Standards Committee Work Plan for 2010/11. Details regarding Member Induction training arranged for 16th May 2011 were also attached to the report.

Members asked questions.

Moved and seconded.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

J. Hill entered the meeting at this point.

1053. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2011/12

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report in relation to the Standards Committee Work Plan for 2011/12.

Moved and seconded

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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1054. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT REPORT

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report which gave details of recommended changes to the Council's Constitution.

A short discussion took place.

Moved by Councillor K. Reid, seconded by Councillor A.M. Syrett
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(Head of Democratic Services- Constitution)

1055. ACSeS PAPER – MAINTAINING HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented information received from ACSeS (Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors) with regard to the Localism Bill).

The paper summarised the proposals contained within the Localism Bill and outlined those provisions available to authorities to call upon.

A discussion took place regarding terms of 'bribery' and 'bias'.

Moved and seconded.
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1056. RECRUITMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Deputy Monitoring Officer gave a verbal update to the meeting on the recruitment of parish council representatives to Standards Committee.

Due to the number of LACs recently decreasing, it had been decided to put recruitment of parish councillors on hold to save on financial costs. The situation would be reviewed again after the District and Parish elections in May 2011.

The Chair suggested that this be put on the agenda for the June meeting.

Moved and seconded
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(The Deputy Monitoring Officer/Head of Democratic Services)

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1057. REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE CHAIRMAN WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chair gave a short verbal report to the meeting regarding his recent discussion with the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved and seconded

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1058. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS RECOMMENDED ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2011 - SHEFFIELD CITY REGION LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LEP) MEMBERSHIP

The Chair presented the report to seek Committee's approval for an amendment to the Leader's delegated authority, for inclusion in the Council's Constitution, in relation to the Sheffield City Region Housing and Regeneration Board.

The report had been presented to Executive on 4th April 2011, advising Members of governance arrangements for the Sheffield City Region Housing and Regeneration Board and had also sought Executive Members agreement for full membership of the Sheffield City Region LEP.

Moved by Councillor H Gilmour, seconded by Councillor K. Reid

RECOMMENDED that the Council be recommended to include in the Members' Delegation Scheme, in the Council's Constitution, that power be granted to the Leader, giving Bolsover District Council approval to the LEP Action Plans for the SCR period 2011-15, as appropriate.

(Head of Democratic Services (Constitution))

The meeting concluded at 1435 hours.