

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Standards Committee held on Wednesday 13 April 2011 at County Hall, Lewes.

PRESENT - Mrs C Swan (Independent Chairman),
Mr T Elliott (Independent member)
Councillors Daniel, Healy and Stogdon

1. MINUTES

1.1 RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 May 2010 as a correct record.

2. REPORTS

2.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are contained in the minute book.

3. ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

3.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services that provided an update on Member Conduct issues, the work of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer. The Committee noted that the second sentence of paragraph 2.5 should be amended to read 'There were only 4 cases considered by the Assessment Sub Committee

3.2 Members agreed to the following change to the report before it was submitted to the Council County:

- to add a paragraph on declarations of interest

3.3 RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and

(2) recommend to the County Council the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for consideration.

4. FUTURE OF THE LOCAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

4.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Governance and Community Services that provided an update on the future of the Local Standards Framework.

4.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and

(2) recommend to the Governance Committee that the County Council adopts a voluntary code of conduct