

# STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date: Friday 31 January 2014**

**Time: 2.00 p.m.**

**Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Stevenage**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs J Lloyd (Chairman), M Cherney-Craw,  
M Notley and J Thomas.

Independent Advisor A Holland

**Start/End Time:** Start Time: 2.00 p.m.  
End Time: 3.50 p.m.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Martin-Haugh, G Snell and P Stuart.

There were no declarations of interest.

Mr A Holland was introduced to the meeting as the Independent Advisor. He then explained his role to the Committee.

### **3. MINUTES – 16 JANUARY 2013**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **3. URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

None

### **4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That under Section 100(A) 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 involved the likely disclosure of information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI 2006 No.88.

2. That Members having considered the reasons for the following item being in Part II determined that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure.

## **PART II**

### **5. CODE OF CONDUCT – INVESTIGATION**

The Committee received an Officer report into allegations of a breach of the Code of Conduct by a Councillor.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the conclusions in the report be accepted.
2. The Committee noted that an apology had been sent and the Committee asked that a copy of the Code of Conduct be sent to the relevant Councillor.

### **6. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None