

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**PRESENT :** The Chair (John Lay), Councillors Hollander and Sanders; Chris Turner (independent representative), John Batey (Parish Council representative).

**OFFICERS PRESENT :** Jeremy Thomas (Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer), William Reed (Democratic Services Manager), Mike Newman (Head of Corporate Secretariat), Helen Lynch (trainee solicitor, Legal and Democratic Services Business Unit).

## 14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Craft and Dhall.

## 15. MINUTES

- (1) Resolved that the minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.
- (2) With reference to minute 2 that related to the deferral of the election of a Vice-Chair, the Democratic Services Manager reported that Diana Woodhouse, one of the Committee's independent members and former Vice-Chair of the Committee had resigned. He would be putting arrangements in place to advertise the position and hoped that the process would have been completed by the date of the Committee's next meeting.

Resolved:-

- (a) to note that Diana Woodhouse had resigned from the Committee and to ask the Democratic Services Manager to write to thank her for her services to the Committee over the years;
  - (b) to defer consideration of the position of Vice-Chair until the next meeting of the Committee.
- (3) With reference to minute 10 (Member Training) the Monitoring Officer said that training on the local determination of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct for members had not yet taken place. He would be arranging for this to be done before the next meeting and outlined the form it might take.

Resolved to note the position.