

## minutes

Meeting STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date Tuesday 28 February 2012 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

### **Membership**

- Mr Charles Daybell (Chairman)
- Councillor Les Ward (Vice-Chair)
- A Councillor Chris Barnfather
- Councillor Steve Carroll
- Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE
- Mr Robert Lilley
- Mr Ian McLaren
- A Councillor Sue Saddington
- A Ms Christine Southwell
- Councillor Martin Suthers OBE
- Vacancy

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jo Kirkby, Team Manager, Complaints and Information  
Paula Laws, Senior Practitioner, Information Governance  
Simon Gill, Solicitor  
Paul Davies, Governance Officer

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Saddington (unwell), Ms Southwell (unwell) and Councillor Barnfather (other reason).

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS UPDATE**

Jo Kirkby introduced the report on how the authority had responded to requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations during 2011, and answered members' questions.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/005**

That the report be noted, and the Committee express its satisfaction with the overall compliance levels.

#### **DATA PROTECTION ACT**

Simon Gill introduced the report on how the Council was discharging its duties under the Data Protection Act, and responded to questions.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/006**

That the report be noted.

#### **MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE, NOVEMBER 2011 TO JANUARY 2012**

Members considered the report summarising attendance at meetings during the three months to January 2012. During discussion, concern was expressed where members had neither attended nor submitted apologies for absence.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/007**

That the Chair write to the relevant Business Manager or Leader in relation to Councillors Bobo, Irvine and Kempster's attendance.

#### **UPDATE ON LOCALISM ACT**

Simon Gill introduced the progress report on the implementation of the Localism Act.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/008**

That the report be noted.

#### **USE OF URGENCY POWERS**

There was no use of urgency powers to report.

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

#### **CHAIR**