

Minutes of the meeting of the **STANDARDS (HEARING) SUB-COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Thursday 27 January 2011 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Mr A M Hayes

Members: Councillor B W Butcher
Councillor D R Lloyd-Jones
Mr B A C Curtis (Wingham Parish Council)

Also Present: Mr B P S Dowley

Officers: Deputy Monitoring Officer
Democratic Support Officer

7 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the current item of business on the grounds that the item to be considered involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7C of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

8 CASE NO SC050 - CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO POSTPONE HEARING

The Sub-Committee received the report of the Monitoring Officer regarding the request made by the member who was the subject of the complaint that the hearing to consider the complaint made against him be deferred on medical grounds.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer summarised the facts of the case to date, explaining that the Initial Assessment and Consideration Sub-Committee had resolved at its meeting held on 27 October 2010 that the complaint made against the subject member be considered at a hearing of the Standards Committee, conducted under Regulation 18 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008. Following receipt of a reminder regarding the paperwork for completion of the Pre-Hearing Process Summary, the subject member had contacted the Council on 10 December 2010 to request that the hearing be postponed for at least two months on medical grounds.

On the basis that today's meeting of the Standards Committee (Hearing) Sub-Committee fell within the subject member's anticipated duration of illness/convalescence, he had not been given notice of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the request be deferred to a further meeting of the Standards (Hearing) Sub-Committee, to be held on 28 February at 6.00 pm, and the subject member invited to attend the meeting in order to make representations and provide medical evidence in support of his request for deferment.

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm.