

At a meeting of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on FRIDAY, 27TH MAY, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

Present:-

Mr G.N. Cook in the Chair

Councillors Forbes, Shattock and Wakefield together with Mr. J.P. Paterson and Councillor Wilkinson (Hetton Town Council).

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Charlton and Tate and Councillor Hepple (Hetton Town Council).

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 11th February, 2011 (copy circulated) were submitted.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

Dates of the meetings of the Standards Committee in 2011/12

The Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services submitted a report (copy circulated) to advise Members of the Committee of the dates of the Standards Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that it be noted that the dates of the Standards Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2011/1012 are as follows and that all the meetings are scheduled to commence at 1.00 p.m.

Thursday, 30th June, 2011
Friday, 30th September, 2011
Friday, 25th November, 2011
Friday, 10th February, 2012
Friday, 23rd March, 2012

Annual Report on the Work of the Standards Committee 2010-2011

The Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services submitted the third annual report (copy circulated) on the work of the Standards Committee during 2010-11.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Elaine Waugh, Monitoring Officer, briefed the Committee on the report. Ms. Waugh advised that discussions were taking place in the Council as to how to take forward future arrangements in relation to the work carried out by this Committee, in order to promote and maintain high standards of conduct since the Government's proposal in the Localism Bill to abolish Standards for England and the requirement for authorities to have a Code of Conduct for Members and a Standards Committee.

The Chairman commented that it was important to have a Committee in place to undertake this role in the Council.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the Annual Report be noted and recommended to the Council.

(Signed) Mr G. N. COOK,
Chairman.