

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee held on
21st December 2005 commencing at 7 p.m.

Present: Mr. Riddell (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. Dunkley (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs. Dibsdall, Loney and Tuke.

Independent Member: Mr. Hobbs.

Town/Parish Representative: Mr. London.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Taylor.

438. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3rd November 2005 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

439. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Dibsdall declared a personal interest as he knew the fourth interviewee.

Cllr. Mrs. Dunkley and Mr. London declared a personal interest as they both knew the first interviewee.

Cllr. Loney declared a personal interest as he knew the fourth and fifth interviewees.

440. CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

Resolved: That, under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the ground that likely disclosure of exempt information is involved as defined by the relevant paragraph as respectively identified of Schedule 12(A) to the Local Government Act 1972:

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Head of Schedule 12(A) and Brief Description</u>
4.	Interviews for the Appointment of Independent Members and Parish/Town Council Representatives to the Standards Committee	1. Information relating to any particular employee, former employee or applicant to become an employee of, or a particular office-holder, former office-holder or applicant to become an office-holder under, the authority.

441. INTERVIEWS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER AND A PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Monitoring Officer advised that she had received a letter from Mr. Taylor, a parish/town member of the Committee, offering his resignation should the Committee be able to appoint a replacement that night.

The Committee interviewed two applicants for the independent member vacancy on the Committee and four applicants for the parish/town council representative vacancy. The interviews followed the procedure approved at the meeting of the Committee held on 3rd November 2005. Four basic questions were asked of each interviewee together with supplementary questions where appropriate.

After the interviews had taken place the Committee discussed each applicant in turn and came to their decision.

The Monitoring Officer was asked to write to the successful candidates to invite them to become members of the Standards Committee and to write to the unsuccessful applicants to inform them of the Committee's decision.

Resolved: (a) That Mr. Andrew Smith be invited to fill the independent member vacancy on the Standards Committee of Sevenoaks District Council; and

(b) that Mr. David Taylor be invited to fill the vacancy for Parish/Town Council representative on the Standards Committee of Sevenoaks District Council.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 9.10 P.M.

Chairman