



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Standards Committee

Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2015
Time: 10:00
Venue: Supper Room
Address: Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

- 3** **MINUTES** **3 - 4**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2014.
- 4** **REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION** **5 - 5**
Details attached.
- 5** **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.
- 6** **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**
In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."
- 7** **CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT**
Details

Standards Committee

Minutes

Thursday, 06 November 2014 at 10:00

Present:

Councillor Tate (in the Chair), Councillors Andrews and Robinson-Payne.

Councillor Peck attended as as substitute for Councillor Collins.

Councillor T Wainwright attended as a substitute for Councillor Jeal.

Mr C Skinner (Monitoring Officer), Mr D Johnson (Nplaw), Mr R Hodds (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mrs K Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

Mr B Hardisty (Member of Hopton Parish Council) and Mr M Pearce (Member of Hopton Parish Council).

5 Witnesses attended on behalf of complaints.

5 Members of public in the gallery.

Appellant attended.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 were confirmed.

4 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

It was agreed that the public and press would only be excluded from the meeting if required.

5 APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

The Committee considered the Monitoring Officer's Report about the Code of Conduct Complaint and the appeal against the Decision to take no further action on the complaints.

RESOLVED: That the Committee uphold the decision to take no further action on the complaints. However it recommended that in the future all declarations be minuted, explaining why the declarations had been made.

5a APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

6 THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE - ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

7 APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

It was agreed that this would be advertised and the interview process would commence.

8 VOTING RIGHTS FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

It was agreed that the Cabinet Secretary would write to DCLG to ask if Parish Councillors would be able to vote on the Standards Committee.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at: 12:22



GREAT YARMOUTH
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Dear Sirs,

Request for Dispensation

I write to request the Standards Committee to agree to allow me dispensation to speak and vote on the item relating to the HRA rent setting which will be considered by Cabinet on the 11th February 2015 and by full Council on the 17th February 2015.

I make this report on the grounds that as an elected Member representing a ward with a significant number of Council properties I should be allowed to represent their views on this matter when it is discussed.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Pratt'.

Councillor S Pratt