

Standards Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 10 February 2015 at 10:00

Present:

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

Mr L Gent (Parish Councillor) also attended.

Mr C Skinner (Monitoring Officer) and Mr R Hodds (Deputy Monitoring Officer).

County Councillor Aldred also 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 the 6 November 2014 were confirmed.

With regard to the item relating to the appointment of a new Parish Council Member, the Deputy Monitoring Officer reported that he had written to all Parish Councils in the Borough inviting them to nominate Parish Council Members to serve on the Standards Committee.

4 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

The Committee considered a request for dispensation from Councillor Pratt to speak and vote on the item relating to the HRA Rent Setting which will be considered by Cabinet on the 11 February and by Full Council on the 17 February 2015.

The Monitoring Officer explained that Councillor Pratt did in fact have a disclosable pecuniary interest in this particular matter in her capacity as a Council house tenant. The Monitoring Officer explained to Members the legislation with regard to requests for dispensation.

RESOLVED:

That the request for dispensation from Councillor Pratt be approved on the basis that there are a large number of council tenants in the Councillors ward and it is right and proper that the member should be able to speak and vote on a matter that affects them.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

The meeting ended at: 10:25