

City of Durham

At a Meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** held in the Gala Theatre, Durham on Tuesday, 15th January, 2008, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B.R.J. Ingleby (in the Chair)
and Councillors Holland and Moderate, Simpson and Thompson (City Council Members)
and Councillor J.S. Anderson and Mrs P R Hudson (Parish Council Members)
and Mr D. Hollingworth and Mrs T. Naples (Independent Member)

460. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

461. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 29th November, 2007, and 2nd January, 2008, were confirmed as a correct record, save that it was pointed out that Minute No. 384 included Councillor Young twice.

Report of Monitoring Officer

462. COMPLAINTS TO THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

(a) SBE 20650.07

Resolved: That the report be noted.

(b) Consideration of Investigator's Report SBE 19731.07

The Committee received a report from the Deputy Monitoring Officer in respect of the allegation that a member of West Rainton and Leamside Parish Council had breached the Code of Conduct in that he had failed to treat others with respect and had brought the office or authority into disrepute as a consequence of his conduct. The Investigating Officer concluded that the Member had breached the Code of Conduct. The Committee noted the findings of the Investigating Officer.

Resolved: That the matter proceed to a full hearing on the 5th March, 2008.

Note: *Councillor Thompson left the Meeting.*

(c) Consideration of Investigator's Report SBE 19601.07 & SBE 19602.07

The Committee had received a report from the Deputy Monitoring Officer that two members of West Rainton and Leamside Parish Council had breached the Code of Conduct as they had acted in a manner which compromised the impartiality of those who worked for or on behalf of the authority, had used their position as a member to improperly confer on or secure for another person an advantage or disadvantage and failed to declare a personal interest. The Investigating Officer concluded that the Code of Conduct had been breached three times by one Member and twice by another Member. The Committee noted the findings of the Investigating Officer.

Resolved: To refer the matter for a joint hearing on the 5th March, 2008,

(d) SBE 20308.07

Resolved : That the report be noted

463. PUBLICATIONS

Copies of an information sheet in respect of the Code of Conduct, Outside Interests and the Budget Debate which had been provided by Bevan Britten were circulated for Members' information.

The meeting terminated at 6.45 p.m.

Chair