

City of Durham

At a Meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** held in Studio 2 Gala Theatre, Durham, on Tuesday, 11th March, 2008.

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

544. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anderson and Councillor Simpson

545. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January, 2008, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Report of Monitoring Officer

546. DATES OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/2009

Resolved: That the report be noted

547. COMPLAINTS TO THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

(a) SBE 20733.07

Resolved: That the report be noted

(b) SBE21260.07

Resolved: That the report be noted

(c) SBE 21253.08 – SBE 21255.08

Resolved: That the report be noted

548. BRIEFINGS TO PARISH COUNCILS

The Monitoring Officer advised that the presentations had commenced and seemed to be being well received. The Committee did however note concerns about parish council's ability to take on additional responsibility as a consequence of the move towards unitary government and requested that the Monitoring Officer write to Durham County Council to ensure that the appropriate priority was placed on training parish councils in anticipation of the new responsibilities they would have.

Resolved: That the report be noted and the Monitoring Officer write to Durham County Council.

549. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Panel considered the final draft annual report and, subject to one minor amendment, were satisfied that the matter could now be referred to the Council.

The meeting terminated at 6.25 p.m.

Chair