

# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

### STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Council Chamber,  
Council Offices,  
Spennymoor

Thursday, 21 October  
2004

Time: 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor L. Petterson (Chairman and Independent Member) and  
Councillors Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, J. Wayman and  
D.A. Hall

**Independent Member**  
Mr. I. Jamieson

**In**

**Attendance:** Councillor K. Henderson and Mrs. H. Darby

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. L. Hovvels, G.M.R. Howe and  
Councillor J. Marr – Spennymoor Town Council

**ST.13/04 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**ST.14/04 STANDARDS TRAINING UPDATE**

The Monitoring Officer reported that one training event had been held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 at Sedgefield Borough Council offices.

It was also reported that the new website for Standards and Ethics was now complete with the most recent information being made available.

**ST.15/04 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Resources detailing the findings of a review of the Council's Confidential Reporting Policy. (For copy see file of Minutes).

The report considered the current position of the Confidential Reporting Policy detailing that it was in addition to the Council's Complaints and Grievance Procedure. It also considered the current procedure and detailed the review of the current policy, which concluded that it compared favourably with neighbouring authorities and was still the best policy.

It was questioned whether Town and Parish Clerks were kept up-to-date with the new legislation and procedures. The Monitoring Officer stated

that the Clerks were included on a distribution list to receive current information. The completion of the website would also be another source of information.

**ST.16/04**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 at 2.00 p.m. at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Spennymoor.

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