



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT DYFFRYN HOUSE ON MONDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 2006 AT 5.00 PM

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#### PRESENT:

M.G. Warrender - Chairman  
K.C. Mock - Vice-Chairman

Community Councillor C. Roberts  
Messrs L.G. Davies, D.R.G. Parry and Mrs. E.J. Rowlands

#### Together with:

Monitoring Officer (I.G. Medicott), Development Control Manager (Tim Stephens), Service Manager (PDSI) (Joanne Williams), Service Manager – Performance (Dave Pettit), Transportation Engineering Manager (Clive Campbell), Members Services Manager (John Fairfax).

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.J. Pritchard and L.R. Rees.

#### **1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 19th July 2006 (minute no. 1 page nos. 1-3) and 24th July 2006 (minute nos. 1-5, page nos. 1-2) were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **2. GRANTS OF DISPENSATION**

No applications had been received.

#### **3. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES – DISABLED PARKING BAY**

Consideration was given to the reports of the Monitoring Officer and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on a maladministration complaint made against the Council. Officers who had dealt with this matter were at the meeting and a detailed discussion took place on all of the issues involved.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the Ombudsman's report and the Officers' comments be noted;
- (ii) to recommend to the Cabinet that: -
  - (i) the Ombudsman's report be noted and accepted;
  - (ii) the Council apologises to the complainant for the shortcomings in the application process and makes the complainant a payment in the sum of £750 in recognition of the undue delay and the stress and time and trouble involved in the complaint;
  - (iii) the Council immediately proceeds to evaluate the making of the DPPP and, if thought appropriate, pursues the appropriate statutory process to make, and implement a traffic order;
  - (iv) officers are requested to present before the 30th November 2006 a report proposing amendments to the Council's policy on eligibility for DPPP's.

#### **4. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES – PLANNING APPLICATION**

Consideration was given to the reports of the Monitoring Officer and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on a maladministration complaint made against the Council. A representative from the Planning Department was present and a detailed discussion took place on all the issues involved.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the Ombudsman's report and Officers' comments be noted;
- (ii) to recommend to the Cabinet that: -
  - (i) the Ombudsman's report be noted and accepted;
  - (ii) the Council apologises to the complainant for the shortcomings identified in the Ombudsman's report and makes a payment of £250 to Ms. S. for the time and trouble in pursuing the complaint;
  - (iii) the recommendation of reference to the District Valuer and payment of any subsequent compensation be agreed, subject to the clarification of the detailed instructions to be given to the District Valuer;
  - (iv) the Ombudsman's recommendations in relation to future procedures be accepted, and incorporated into departmental procedures in the Planning Service.

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman referred to letters with petitions he had received from residents in relation to the Council's Waste Management proposals. Copies of these letters were circulated to the Committee. The matters raised in the letters were outside the remit of the Committee and it was therefore agreed that the Chairman should reply accordingly.

**6. FUTURE MEETING**

It was noted that another report from the Ombudsman finding maladministration against the Council had been received and this would be included on the agenda for the next meeting together with details of the recent meeting of the All Wales Standards Committee Conference held in Aberaeron.

The meetings closed at 6.50 p.m.