



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2008 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT:

M.G. Warrender - Chairman

Councillors:

G.G. Hibbert and L.R. Rees

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

Together with:

Monitoring Officer (D. Perkins), Deputy Monitoring Officer (Mrs. G. Williams), Development Control Manager (T. Stephens) and Members Services Manager (J.A. Fairfax).

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from K.C. Mock.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2008 (minute nos. 1 – 5, page nos. 1 – 2) were approved and signed as a correct record.

3. THE REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS (MINUTE NO. 5)

It was noted that the Code of Conduct including the comments made at the last meeting had been approved by the Council and that arrangements would be made shortly for the training of all Members, Co opted Members and Community Councillors on the new code.

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer was in the process of discussing with his All Wales colleagues the question of standardising the rules relating to the offer/receipt of gifts and hospitality and that he would report on this to a future meeting.

4. GRANTS OF DISPENSATION

No applications had been received.

5. COMPLAINTS TO THE OMBUDSMAN

Details of the complaints made to the Ombudsman which had been rejected as not accepted for formal investigation or that he was satisfied with the action taken and those cases which were the subject of ongoing enquiries were noted.

6. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES

Consideration was given to the report of the Monitoring Officer with that of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on a maladministration complaint made against the authority.

A detailed discussion took place and the Development Control Manager was present to answer the questions asked and to advise on the action taken to ensure that internal procedures are improved to avoid a recurrence of similar issues in the future.

In accordance with the recommendations made by the Ombudsman it was noted that the Ombudsman's report would also be submitted to the next meeting of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the Ombudsman's report including his recommendations be accepted.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN