

**EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009 at 4.30 p.m.

Present::

Mr David Atkinson (Independent) – Chairman

Present: Councillors R. E. Daw and Mrs G. S. Elliot, and Hon Geoffrey Beck (Independent), Councillor A. Gibb (Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council), Councillor J. Laker (Knowlton Parish Council), Alan Leeson (Independent) and Councillor Ms J Russell (Verwood Town Council).

420. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J. Dover.

421. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

422. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

423. Presentations by the Public

There were no questions, petitions or deputations received on this occasion.

**DELEGATED BUSINESS**

424. Local Investigations – Code of Conduct

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members of the Committee considered the report of the Investigating Officer into an allegation by Councillor Mrs Ann Warman (St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council) against Councillor Mike Dyer (St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council), Councillor Noel Hindmarch (St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council) and Councillor Graham Willets (St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council).

**RESOLVED that;**

- a) **in accordance with paragraph 19 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the discussion and decision of the final reports (but not the background papers or additional submissions) on the local investigation will be held in public session;**
- b) **this Committee accepts the report of the Investigating Officer that Councillor Mike Dyer has not breached the Code of Conduct in any respect;**

- c) this Committee accepts the report of the Investigating Officer that Councillor Noel Hindmarch has not breached the Code of Conduct in any respect; and that**
- d) this Committee accepts the report of the Investigating Officer that Councillor Graham Willets has not breached the Code of Conduct in any respect.**

Voting: Unanimous

The meeting ended at 4.50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN