

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 21 MARCH 2006

**COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Framroze (Chair); Councillors Davidson, Lepper, and Simson (OS).

Independent Members: Mrs H Scott and Dr M B Wilkinson (Deputy Chair).

Apologies were received from : Councillors G Theobald and Williams and from Ms M Carter.

PART ONE

ACTION

42. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

42A. Declarations of Substitutes

42.1 There were none.

42B. Declarations of Interest

42.2 There were none.

42C. Exclusion of Press and Public

42.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

42.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

43. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

43.1 There were none .

44. MINUTES

44.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

45. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

45.1 There were none.

46. MEMBER COMPLAINTS AND SERVICE COMPLAINTS, CORPORATE COMPLAINTS UPDATE

46.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer relating to Member Complaints and Service Complaints, Corporate Complaints Update (for copy see minute book).

46.2 In answer to questions the Council's Standards and Complaints Officer explained that 11 cases were still awaiting determination but that apart from what appeared to be an anomaly in respect of cases relating to Housing and City Support, (no cases of maladministration had however been found across the Council as a whole), there was no upward movement or "trend" in relation to complaints.

46.3 In answer to further questions it was explained that details relating to the findings in respect of any cases relating to individual Councillors could not be released into the public domain until the details had first been released and published onto the Standards Board website. Members were pleased to note the level of detail included in the report considering that this was helpful .

46.4 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be received and noted.

47. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

47.1 No specific items were suggested for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting, other than those which were standing items .

48. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

48.1 **RESOLVED** - That none of the items considered go forward to Council on this occasion.

PART TWO

49. ITEMS TO REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

49.1 **RESOLVED** – That none of the items remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded at 5.20 pm

Following conclusion of the meeting a Members Training Session took place by means of a DVD. This was followed by a brief discussion.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006