

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

30 JUNE 2009

Present:

Councillors:

T.W. Crabb
C.A. Davis
A.P. Hirst
D.L. McShane
E. O'Hara
G.F. Trussler

Independent members:

Mr M. Litvak (Chairman)
Miss Sue Faulkner (Vice-Chairman)

219/09 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2009 were approved as a correct record.

220/09 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

No disclosures were made.

221/09 STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

1. the minutes of the Assessment Sub Committee held on 9 June 2009 be approved as a correct record and
2. the decision be noted by the Committee.

222/09 REVIEW OF TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

The Monitoring Officer reported that as Members would be unable to attend the Standards Board Annual Conference this year, the Committee needed to consider how best to meet its training needs.

Surrey County Council would be providing a short session prior to the next Local Committee to explain the difficulties for Borough Councillors who sit on the Local Committee when considering rights of way matters.

The Standards Board for England had produced a training pack with case scenarios to assist the Standards Committee when dealing with the local assessment stage of complaints under the Code of Conduct.

The Committee agreed it would be useful to include the Standards Board training as an item on its next agenda, and asked for the case scenarios to be circulated with the agenda papers.

RESOLVED that an item on how to deal with local assessments be placed on the next agenda of the Committee and the case scenarios be circulated with the agenda papers.

223/09 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated below.

224/09 COMPLAINTS

[Paragraph 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.]

The Monitoring Officer presented his exempt report on a complaint received under the member Code of Conduct.

He outlined his response to the complaint and other matters raised, which had been addressed in a letter to the complainant.

RESOLVED that the outcome of the complaint considered by the Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee on 9 June 2009 be noted.