

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

17 MARCH 2011

Present:

Councillors:

T.W. Crabb

C.A. Davis

K.E. Flurry

A.P. Hirst

Mrs C. Spencer

G.F. Trussler

Independent Members:

Mr Murray Litvak (Chairman)

Mrs Sue Faulkner (Vice Chairman)

In Attendance

Councillors H. A.Thomson and R.A. Smith-Ainsley

75/11 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2010 were approved as a correct record.

76/11 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

No disclosures were made

77/11 PLANNING – AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

To assist the Committee the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor H.A. Thomson and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley had been invited to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion.

The Committee considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the proposed changes to the scheme of delegation regarding planning applications, and what impact these changes would have.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet be advised that this Committee supports Option 2 as set out in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive as the new scheme of delegations for dealing with planning matters.

78/11 LOCALISM BILL

The Committee discussed the report of the Assistant Chief Executive providing an analysis of the impact of the localism bill on local authorities. It was noted that the proposals included new freedoms and flexibilities for local government, new rights and powers for communities and individuals. The Bill also covered reforms aimed at making the planning system more clearer and effective and reforms to ensure that decisions about housing were taken locally.

RESOLVED that the report of the Assistant Chief Executive be noted

79/11 FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS REGIME

The Monitoring Officer updated members on the latest developments concerning the abolition of the national standards regime by the Coalition Government.

RESOLVED that the current position be noted.

80/11 OUTCOME OF COMPLAINTS TO THE ASSESSMENT/REVIEW SUB COMMITTEES

The committee received the minutes of the following sub committee hearings and agreed that the minutes be placed on the Council's website

Standards Review Sub Committee held on 17 January 2011

Standards Assessment Sub Committee held on 2 December 2010

Standards Assessment Sub Committee held on 9 June 2009