

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

THE TRAINING ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

23RD FEBRUARY 2011 (5 PM)

Present:

Independent Members:

Rev J A Cox (Chairman), Mrs C A Noons (Vice-Chairman) and T J Hipkiss.

Councillors:

R Bishop, D R Godwin, M J Hart, T Ingham, K J Stokes and J Thomas.

Observers:

There were no members present as observers.

ES.8 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: H E Dyke, P Dyke and C D Nicholls.

ES.9 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

ES.10 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

ES.11 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

ES.12 Applications for Dispensation

A report was considered from the Monitoring officer that requested the Ethics and Standards Committee to consider whether or not to grant a dispensation to Members to enable them to participate in the consideration of and/or vote in respect of any issues arising out of the budget debate at Council.

The Monitoring Officer advised Members of the circumstances in which a dispensation could be granted. In this case whether the number of members prohibited by their interest in the Community Housing Group would upset the political balance of the meeting.

Members deliberated the merit of the applications for dispensations in turn.

Decision:

- 1. Dispensations be granted to the following Members for the meeting of Council on 23rd February 2011 to allow them to participate in the budget debate:**
 - (i) Councillors: J Aston, A J Buckley, N Gale, J Greener, M Kelly and G C Yarranton as they are the Council's representatives on the Community Housing Board.**
 - (ii) Councillors H E Dyke and P Dyke in view of the fact that Councillor P Dyke is an employee of the Community Housing Group**
- 2. The Monitoring Officer to ensure that the existence, duration and nature of the dispensations granted be recorded in writing and this record be kept with the Register of Interests established and maintained under Section 81(1) of the local Government Act 2000.**

The meeting ended at 5.25 pm.