

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN ROOM/BEWDLEY ROOM, WYRE FOREST HOUSE,
FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER**

24TH FEBRUARY 2016 (4.30 PM)

Present:

Councillors: J D Smith (Chairman), H E Dyke, I Hardiman and J Phillips.

Co-opted Members: Mr R Reynolds.

Parish Council Representative: Councillor R Hobson.

Observers:

There were no Members present as observers.

ES.7 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:
J R Desmond (Vice-Chairman), N Knowles, C Edginton-White, L Green, and
Reverend J Cox (Co-opted Member).

ES.8 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor C Rogers was a substitute for Councillor J Desmond.
Councillor J A Shaw was a substitute for Councillor N Knowles.

ES.9 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

ES.10 Applications for Dispensation

The Committee considered a report from the Solicitor to the Council, which considers whether or not to grant a dispensation to Members to enable them to participate in the consideration of and/or vote in respect of a motion submitted under Standing Orders relating to the Housing and Planning Bill at the Council meeting on 24th February 2016.

The Solicitor to the Council clarified the key issues in the report and advised Members that the motion on the Council agenda was regarding the contents of the Bill, not Wyre Forest District Council's exercise of its powers, and that supporting or opposing the motion would not result in Members incurring an immediate direct levy, charge or discount.

Decision:

The Ethics and Standards Committee considers it is appropriate to grant a dispensation to the Members who have applied for one to enable them to participate in the consideration of and/or vote in respect of a motion submitted under Standing Orders relating to the Housing and Planning Bill at Council on 24th February 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.41 pm