

**MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 16 JULY 2013**

4.00 pm – 4.15 pm

**Responsible Officer:** Shelley Davies  
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**Present:**

Mr V Hunt, Mr C Mellings and Mr K Turley.

**Officers Present:**

Graham White (Solicitor) and Shelley Davies (Committee Officer)

**1.0 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**1.1 RESOLVED:**

That Mr V Hunt be appointed Chairman of the Standards Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

**2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2.1 None received.

**3.0 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

3.1 Members of the Committee were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

**4.0 MINUTES**

**4.1 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Standards Sub Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**5.0 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

5.1 Consideration was given to a report by the Monitoring Officer on whether a dispensation should be granted to Councillors Keith Barrow, Lee Chapman,

Mike Owen and Joyce Barrow who had disclosable pecuniary interests in matters relating to IP&E Ltd.

5.2 The Solicitor advised the Sub-Committee that Councillor Joyce Barrow's application was slightly different to the other applications before them as it had arisen from her husband, Councillor K. Barrow's, appointment as a Director of IP&E Ltd.

5.3 With regards to the applications from Councillor Keith Barrow, Lee Chapman and Mike Owen, the Solicitor explained that the dispensation was required to enable them to report on the detail of matters relating to IP&E to the Council. If granted, all four dispensations could run until 4 May 2017. Members of the Sub-Committee were in agreement that the dispensations were appropriate and beneficial to the residents of Shropshire and that the suggested time span for the dispensations was appropriate.

#### **5.4 RESOLVED;**

(a) That, in accordance with section 33 (1) of the Localism Act ("the Act"), the Sub-Committee grants a dispensation from Section 31 (4) of the Act 2011 to Councillors Keith Barrow, Lee Chapman and Mike Owen to participate in the discussion and vote on matters which relate to IP&E Ltd at meetings of Shropshire Council (including cabinet and any other formal decision making committees) on the grounds that it is "in the interests of persons living in the authority's area."

(b) That, in accordance with section 33 (1) of the Localism Act ("the Act"), the Sub-Committee grants a dispensation from Section 31 (4) of the Act 2011 to Councillor Joyce Barrow to participate in the discussion and vote on matters which relate to IP&E Ltd at meetings of Shropshire Council (including cabinet and any other formal decision making committees) on the grounds that it is "otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation."

(c) That the dispensations granted in (a & b) above last until 4 May 2017 or until such time as the disclosable pecuniary interest no longer apply, whichever is sooner.

#### **6.0 APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION**

6.1 Consideration was given to a report by the Monitoring Officer on whether a dispensation should be granted to Councillor Mal Price who had a disclosable pecuniary interest in matters concerning Severnside Housing due to his position on the board of Directors as the Councils nominated representative.

6.2 With regards to the application from Councillor Price, the Solicitor explained that the dispensation was requested to enable him to participate in the discussion and to vote on matters which relate to Severnside Housing at meetings of Shropshire Council on the grounds that it is in the interests of persons living in the Councils area. If granted the dispensation could run until 4 May 2017.

6.3 Members of the Sub-Committee were in agreement that it would be appropriate and beneficial to the residents of Shropshire for Councillor Price to participate in the discussion and to vote on matters which relate to Severnside Housing.

6.4 **RESOLVED;**

- (a) That, in accordance with section 33 (1) of the Localism Act ("the Act"), the Sub-Committee grants a dispensation from Section 31 (4) of the Act 2011 to Councillor Price to participate in the discussion and to vote on matters which relate to Severnside Housing at meetings of Shropshire Council (including cabinet and any other formal decision making committees) on the grounds that it is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area.
- (b) That the dispensation granted in (a) above last for a period until 4 May 2017 or such time as Councillor Price ceases to be a Director of Severnside Housing, whichever is sooner.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date:.....