



Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Date: 22nd July 2015

Committee: Standards Sub-Committee

Date: Thursday, 30 July 2015

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,
Shropshire, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Members of Standards Sub-Committee

Jean Jones
Chris Mellings
Stuart West

Your Committee Officer is:

Sarah Townsend

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AGENDA

1 Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

4 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2015 attached marked 4.

Contact Emily Marshall (01743 252726).

5 Exclusion of Public and Press

To resolve that in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and paragraph 10.4(1) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item.

6 Code of Conduct Complaint (Pages 5 - 42)

To consider an exempt report.
Report of the Monitoring Officer is attached, marked 6.

Contact Claire Porter (01743 252763)

Agenda Item 4



<u>Committee and date</u>
Standards Sub-Committee
30 th July 2015

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MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2015

10.00 - 10.05 AM

Responsible Officer: Emily Marshall
Email: emily.marshall@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 257717

Present
Councillors Vince Hunt, Chris Mellings and Stuart West

1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED:

That Stuart West be appointed Chairman of the Standards Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

None received.

3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Standards Sub Committee held on 6th March 2013 and 4th December 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 Application for Dispensation

Consideration was given to a report by the Monitoring Officer on whether a dispensation should be granted to Councillors Keith Barrow and Mike Owen who had disclosable pecuniary interests in matters concerning IP&E Ltd due to their positions as the Council's appointed Directors of IP&E Ltd and also to Councillor Mrs Joyce Barrow who has a disclosable pecuniary interest in matters concerning IP&E Ltd as her husband is one of the Council's appointed Directors of IP&E Ltd.

The Solicitor explained that the dispensation was required to enable Councillors Keith Barrow and Mike Owen to report on the detail of matters relating 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 Councils area. In respect of Councillor Mrs Barrow, the dispensation was required to enable her to participate in the discussion and to 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 the dispensation.

If granted the dispensations for Councillors Keith Barrow, Mike Owen and Mrs Joyce Barrow could run until 4th May 2017 or until such time as the disclosable pecuniary interest no longer applied whichever occurred first.

Members of the Sub-Committee were in agreement that the dispensation was appropriate and beneficial to the residents of Shropshire and that the suggested time span for the dispensations was appropriate.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, in accordance with section 33(1) of the Localism Act ("the Act"), the Committee grants a dispensation from Section 31(4) of the Act 2011 to Councillors Keith Barrow and Mike Owen to participate in the discussion and to 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 Councils area.
- (b) That, in accordance with section 33(1) of the Localism Act ("the Act"), the Committee grants a dispensation from Section 31(4) of the Act 2011 to Councillor Mrs Joyce Barrow to participate in the discussion and to 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 the dispensation.
- (c) That the dispensation granted in A and B above last for a period until 04 May 2017 or until such time as the disclosable pecuniary interest no longer applied, whichever occurred first.

6 Application for Dispensation

Consideration was given to a report by the Monitoring Officer on whether a dispensation should be granted to Councillors Karen Calder and Michael Wood who had disclosable pecuniary interests in matters concerning IP&E (Trading) as the Council’s appointed Directors of IP&E (Trading) Ltd.

The Solicitor explained that the dispensation was required to enable Councillors Calder and Wood to participate in the discussion and to vote on matters which relate to IP&E (Trading) 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 Council’s area.

If granted the dispensations for Councillors Calder and Wood could run until 4th May 2017 or until such time as the disclosable pecuniary interest no longer applies whichever occurred first.

Members of the Sub-Committee were in agreement that the dispensation was appropriate and beneficial to the residents of Shropshire and that the suggested time span for the dispensations was appropriate.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, in accordance with section 33(1) of the Localism Act (“the Act”), the Committee grants a dispensation from Section 31(4) of the Act 2011 to Councillors Karen Calder and Michael Wood to participate in the discussion and to vote on matters which relate to IP&E (Trading) 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 Councils area.
- (b) That the dispensation granted in A above last for a period until 04 May 2017 or such time as the disclosable pecuniary interest no longer applied, whichever occurred first.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: (Date)

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