

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Standards Committee on Wednesday, 7 January 2009 in Committee Room 1, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: B. Badrock (Chairman), Crawford, D. Felix, R. Garner, T. Luxton, and Councillors Parker, Redhead and Wharton

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Balmer

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Reaney, A. Jones and M. Simpson

Also in attendance: None

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

	<i>Action</i>
STC14 MINUTES	
The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2008 having been printed and circulated, were signed as a correct record.	
STC15 ACTION LIST	
The Committee considered the Action List in detail and noted/agreed the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action No. 1 – Further training to be carried out in Warrington on 12 January 2009 and a further session was requested by the Parish Clerk,• Action No. 17 - Although all members had attended the conference before, two seats would be requested for the 2009 event.• Contact be made with the Standards Board for England to discuss ideas for further publicity for Halton Standards Committee; and	

- Old Action List items should be removed to make way for new items.

STC16 STANDARDS BOARD INFORMATION ROUND-UP

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy, which updated the Members with the latest news from the Standards Board.

The Bulletin, although informative, was considered too long by some members.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

STC17 LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy, requesting that the Committee review the draft Local Code of Corporate Governance and recommend it be referred to the Council for adoption and inclusion in the Council's constitution.

Members praised the contents of the report and Appendix 1 and were happy with the relevance of the report to the Committee.

A query was made with regards to the Standards Committee reporting statistics and it was confirmed that an annual report on the work of the Standards Committee would be produced, which would contain this information.

Following a comment on Member training courses, it was confirmed that those who had not been able to attend courses on the Code of Conduct in 2008, would be invited to attend at further sessions.

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends that the Standards Committee draft Local Code of Corporate Governance be referred to the Council for adoption and inclusion in the Council's constitution.

Meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.