Medway Council

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

22 APRIL 2004 7pm to 8pm

RECORD OF THE MEETING

PRESENT:

Committee members: Councillor Buckwell, David Coomber (parish council representative), Michael Coulson (independent member) (Chairman), Anthony Danks (independent member), Alan Povey (independent member), Michael Swaby (parish council representative) and Laura Wren (independent member)

704 RECORD OF THE MEETING

The record of the meeting held on 16 March 2004 was agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

705 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kearney and Mrs Shaw.

706 CONSULTATION ON STANDARDS PROCEDURE - COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

Discussion:

The Monitoring Officer explained to members that the purpose of the report was to respond to a consultation exercise being undertaken on behalf of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Decision:

The committee instructed the Monitoring Officer to make an appropriate response to the questionnaire submitted on behalf of the Committee on Standards in Public Life taking into account the minor amendments made at the meeting.

707 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE ON LOCAL DETERMINATION/INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS

Discussion:

The Monitoring Officer stated that the purpose of the report was to agree a response to the consultation document issued by the Office of the Deputy

Prime Minister (ODPM) and the Standards Board for England dealing with local determination of complaints.

Decision:

Members agreed a final response to go to the ODPM and the Standards Board for England.

Chairman

Date

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