

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Standards Committee

Date: Tuesday, 28th February, 2017

Place: Committee Room 4 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor D Jarvis (Chair)
Councillors J Garston (Vice-Chair), M Assenheim, M Butler, F Evans and M Terry
Mrs J Tetley and Mrs J Morgan (Independent Persons – non-voting observers)

In Attendance: R Harris and J K Williams

Start/End Time: 5.30 - 6.40 pm

804 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Parker (LTC).

805 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

806 Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th January 2015 and 19th February 2015

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th January 2015 and 19th February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

807 Requests for Dispensations (South Essex Homes)

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Legal & Democratic Services regarding applications for dispensations under S.30 Localism Act 2011 that had been submitted by Councillors Burzotta, Davidson and Norman MBE, who are Council appointed Board members of South Essex Homes Ltd (SEH).

Resolved:

1. That dispensations be granted to Councillors Burzotta, Davidson and Norman MBE to enable them to participate, speak and vote at all Council meetings where South Essex Homes Ltd (SEH) business is considered and they would otherwise have to withdraw. In reaching this decision, the Committee recognised that the knowledge and expertise of the Councillors would be of considerable benefit to the Council and there would be no damage to public confidence.

2. That these dispensations shall operate until 31st May 2020.

808 Monitoring Officers Report

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Legal & Democratic Services that provided an update on ethical issues and the need to promote and maintain high standards of conduct for elected and co-opted Members.

The Committee was invited to submit any ideas or suggestions on additional training it would like to see for all Members in 2017/18 to the Director of Legal & Democratic Services.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

**809 Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report 2015/16
(Published July 2016)**

The Committee received the Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report 2015/16 which was published in July 2016 and considered Sections 78-82 in particular which related to Local Government Standards.

Resolved:

That the Annual Report 2015/16, be noted.

Chairman: _____