

At a Meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Kilworthy Park, Drake Road, **TAVISTOCK** on **TUESDAY** the **17th** day of **MARCH 2015** at **10.00 am**.

Present: Cllr A F Leech – Chairman
Cllr J Sheldon – Vice-Chairman
Cllr S C Bailey Cllr R E Baldwin
Cllr M V L Ewings Cllr J R McInnes
Cllr C R Musgrave

Principal Solicitor & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Committee & Ombudsman Link Officer

SC 5 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr J Moody.

***SC6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2014, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

***SC 7 REQUEST TO GRANT GENERAL DISPENSATIONS**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report (page 5 to the Agenda) requesting the Committee to grant a General Dispensation to all Members of the Council for the next Council term.

In September 2012, this Committee granted a general dispensation to all Members of the Borough Council to speak and to vote on matters where they would otherwise have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. This general dispensation would expire in May 2015. Further, in December 2014, this Committee also granted a general dispensation to all dual-hatted Members of the Borough Council until May 2015, to speak and to vote on matters where they were a member of another local authority and in receipt of a Members' Allowance.

General Dispensations could be granted for up to 4 years and those granted by this Committee referenced above would expire May 2015 i.e. the end of the current Council term.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) a Dispensation be granted to all dual-hatted Members of West Devon Borough Council to speak and to vote on matters where they are members of another local authority and in receipt of a Members' Allowance, from the Annual Meeting in May 2015 until the Annual Meeting in May 2019; and,
- (ii) a General Dispensation be granted as set out below to all Members of the Borough Council from the Annual Meeting in May 2015 to the Annual Meeting in May 2019:
 - (a) Housing – where the Councillor (or spouse or partner) holds a tenancy or lease with the Council as long as the matter does not relate to the Councillors particular tenancy or lease;

- (b) Statutory sick pay – if a Councillor receives this or is entitled to receive it;
- (c) An Allowance, travelling expense, payment or indemnity for Councillors;
- (d) Any ceremonial honour given to Members; and,
- (e) Setting the Council Tax or a precept.

(The Meeting terminated at 10.25 am.)

Chairman