



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Monday 6th October 2014

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Councillor Tony Harrison in the Chair.
Councillors Sue Graham and Andrew Newhouse

OFFICERS

Eric Dickinson - Democracy Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Ravenscroft - Parish Councillor
Gill Smith - Parish Councillor

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ann Royle.

2. Minutes

IT WAS AGREED

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th March 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Complaint Statistics

The Committee received an update on the number of complaints received about Members since April 2014.

Eric Dickinson advised that one complaint had been received from 1st April to 30th September 2014, and highlighted the new arrangement being implemented by Groups that any Member who was minded to make a complaint about another Member should first consult with their own Group Leader.

Members made the following point;

- Consider how appropriate the Group Leader approach might be for Parish Councils

**IT WAS
AGREED** That the report be noted.

4. Members Code of Conduct Training 30th July 2014

Eric Dickinson reported on a note of the Members Code of Conduct training which took place on 30th July 2014. He also outlined the current sanctions available to the Council for breach of the rules on interests following the Localism Act 2011.

The Committee also discussed the record of attendance by relevant Members of compulsory training for the Code of Conduct, Development Control Committee and Licensing Committee, as well as the remedies and sanctions for non attendance.

**IT WAS
AGREED** That the report be noted.

5. Work Programme

The Committee discussed the Work Programme for 2014/15.

**IT WAS
AGREED** That Members be recommended to contact the Monitoring Officer with any further input to the 2014/15 Work Programme, and if unchanged that consideration be given to the report on complaint statistics be distributed to Committee members without the need for the scheduled 24th November 2014 meeting.