STANDARDS STA 1

ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

3 JULY 2008

Chairman * Dr J Kirkland

Councillors: * Husain Akhtar * B E Gate

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL

PART II - MINUTES

1. Appointment of Sub-Committee Chairman:

RESOLVED: That it be noted that Dr Kirkland shall serve as Chairman of the meeting.

2. Attendance by Reserve Members:

RESOLVED: To note that there were no Reserve Members at this meeting.

3. <u>Declarations of Interest:</u>

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members in relation to the business transacted at this meeting.

4. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

RESOLVED: That all business be considered with the press and public present with the exception of the following item for the reason set out below:-

<u>Item</u> <u>Reason</u>

6. Investigation into Complaint

The report contained exempt information under paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, in that it contained information relating to the an individual and likely to identify an individual and could provide information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

5. Terms of Reference:

The Sub-Committee received the report of the Director of Legal & Governance Services.

RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference be noted and adopted as agreed by Standards Committee.

6. **Investigation into Complaint:**

The legal officer went through the content of two complaints (A) and (B) made against a Member of the Council and submitted the Independent Assessment advice that had been obtained in relation to these.

Members fully discussed the content of and related advice concerning the two complaints with all Members setting out their individual thoughts on the various aspects the complaints raised.

RESOLVED: That (1) Part of Complaint (A) be referred to the Standards Board for England for further investigation;

(2) Complaint (B) be determined as requiring no further action as the complaint was not proven.

[Note: In respect of Resolution (1) Councillor Akhtar wished to be recorded as having voted against the decision to refer the complaint].

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 10.33 am, closed at 12.05 pm)