

**MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012**

2.00 pm – 2.14 pm

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Present:

Mrs P Dee, Mr C Mellings and Mr S West.

Officers Present:

Graham White (Solicitor) and Emily Marshall (Committee Officer)

1.0 Election of Chairman

1.1 RESOLVED:

That Mr S West be appointed Chairman of the Standards Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

2.1 None received.

3.0 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

3.1 Members of the Committee were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

4.0 Applications for Dispensation

4.1 Consideration was given to a report by the Monitoring Officer – copy attached to the signed minutes – on whether a dispensation should be granted to Councillors Joyce Barrow, Ann Hartley, and Mike Owen who had disclosable pecuniary interests in matters relating to IP&E Ltd.

4.2 The Solicitor advised the Sub-Committee that Councillor Barrow's application was slightly different to the two other applications before them as it had arisen from her husband, Councillor K. Barrow's, appointment as a Director of IP&E Ltd. It was noted that Councillor Mrs Barrow and her husband would not benefit financially from his position as a director of the organisation and that

Councillor Mrs Barrow had no involvement in the running or management of the company.

4.3 With regards to the applications from Councillor Ann Hartley and Mike Owen, the Solicitor explained that the dispensation was required to enable them to report on the detail of matters relating to IP&E to the Council. If granted, all three dispensations would run until 3rd July 2013. Members of the Sub-Committee were in agreement that the dispensations were important to ensure that should Councillor Barrow be absent from a meeting, then other Members would be able to provide information and that the suggested time span for the dispensation was appropriate.

4.4 **RESOLVED;**

(a) That, in accordance with section 33 (1) of the Localism Act (“the Act”), the Sub-Committee grants a dispensation from Section 31 (4) of the Act to Councillors Joyce Barrow, Ann Hartley and Mike Owen to participate in the discussion and vote on matters which relate to IP&E Ltd at meetings of Shropshire Council (including cabinet and any other formal decision making committees) on the grounds that it is “otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation” in the case of Councillor Joyce Barrow and “in the interests of persons living in the authority’s area” in respect of Councillors Ann Hartley and Mike Owen.

(b) That the dispensations granted in (a) above last until 3 July 2013 or until such time as the relevant Councillor no longer has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter, whichever is the sooner.

Signed (Chairman)

Date:.....