

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2008**

**PRESENT** – *Councillors K Foster, Hirst, and Z. Khan*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER** – *Councillor Malowana-Murphy*

**INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE** – *Mr L Loft (Chair) and, Ms L. McEwan*

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE-** *Linda Comstive (Director of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer), Janie Berry (Deputy Head of Legal Services) and Paul Jones (Head of Democratic Services)*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**26 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies for absence from Councillors Graham, Humphrys, Mr Brindle and Mrs Webb.

**27 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**28 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, in view of the fact that the business to be transacted was exempt by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

**29 Application for an Exemption of the Political Restriction on a Senior Post**

The Director of Legal Services submitted a report on an application for an exemption of the political restriction applied to a senior post.

The applicant attended the meeting and made representations in support of his application.

The applicant's Strategic Director attended the meeting and made representations on behalf of the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That after having regard to the guidance from the Independent Adjudicator and the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Committee find that the duties of the applicant's post do not fall within Subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Act as the duties do not consist of giving advice on a regular basis nor speaking on behalf of the Council to journalists and broadcasters on a regular basis and therefore the Committee grants an the application and agrees that the post should be removed from the list of politically restricted posts.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....