

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE ON 5 JULY 2012**

**Present:** Councillor Nelson-Gracie (The Mayor) and Councillors Ash, Barned, Beerling, Black, Mrs Blackmore, Burton, Butler, Chittenden, Collins, Cox, Daley, English, Garland, Mrs Gooch, Mrs Grigg, Harwood, Hogg, Mrs Joy, Lusty, McLoughlin, Moriarty, B Mortimer, D Mortimer, Moss, Munford, Naghi, Newton, Paine, Parvin, Mrs Parvin, Paterson, Mrs Ring, Robertson, Mrs Robertson, Ross, Mrs Stockell, Thick, Vizzard, De Wiggondene, J A Wilson and Yates

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Brindle, Greer, Ms Griffin, Mrs Hinder, Hotson, Pickett, Sams, Warner and Mrs Wilson.

38. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

39. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

40. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

41. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

42. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

43. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

There were no questions from Members of the Council.

44. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER - LOCALISM ACT 2011 - ADOPTION OF A NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Parvin, seconded by Councillor Mrs Stockell, that the recommendations contained in the report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer relating to the adoption of a new Code of Conduct for Members and associated arrangements be approved.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Kent Model Code of Conduct, which deals with the conduct expected of Members and Co-opted Members of this authority when they are acting in that capacity and is set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer (the report), be adopted with effect from 5 July 2012.
2. That the arrangements under which allegations of non-compliance with the Code can be investigated and under which decisions can be made, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be adopted with effect from 5 July 2012.
3. That the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make amendments to the arrangements to reflect the model arrangements intended to be adopted across the county of Kent.
4. That the Terms of Reference of the new Standards Committee established by the Council at its meeting held on 20 June 2012 be as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.
5. That the Executive be requested to make appropriate arrangements for the remuneration, expenses and insurance of the Independent Person and Substitute.
6. That the Scheme of Officer Delegations be amended as from 5 July 2012 so as to confer on the Monitoring Officer the functions set out in Appendix 4 to the report.
7. That the Council Procedure Rules set out in Appendix 5 to the report be adopted with effect from 5 July 2012.
8. That the Monitoring Officer be requested to keep the Code and arrangements for dealing with allegations of failure to comply with the Code under review and to report further to the Standards Committee as he considers necessary.

45. DURATION OF MEETING

6.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.