

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

18TH JULY, 2011

(NOTE – Prior to the meeting and in accordance with the decision at Minute 186(2)/Mar/09, a 15-minute slot was allocated for public participation. No questions had been raised in advance but five members of the public were present during the 15-minute slot and one of them spoke with reference to the matter to be discussed at Minute 62.)

PRESENT:- Councillor Cooke (Town Mayor)(in the Chair for Minutes 54A to 61 inclusive, 63 A and B, 65, 74A and 76); Councillor Harrison (Deputy Town Mayor)(in the Chair for Minute 62 only); Councillors Mrs Bailes, Blissett, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Hamilton, Peat, Robinson (Minutes 54A to 62 inclusive, 65, 74A and 76), Watson, Wood (Minutes 54A to 62 inclusive, 65, 74A and 76) and Yarker.

Also in attendance:- Three members of the public were present for Minutes 54A to 62 inclusive and two members of the public were present for Minutes 54A to 62 inclusive and 65.

Officers:- Mr Bosworth (Town Clerk) and Mrs Plant (Assistant Clerk).

54A. APOLOGIES:- Councillor Hinchcliffe.

55A. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 20/Jun/07 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. Councillor Cooke (Town Mayor) declared an interest in respect of Minute 62. Councillor Robinson declared an interest in respect of Minute 65 but left the meeting before that item was discussed.

(NOTE – At this point, the Clerk requested that agenda item 76 (Office Accommodation – Rental Arrangements) be brought forward for consideration and this was agreed.)

74A. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (in respect of Minute 76 below)

Resolved – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter referred to at Minute 76 below on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

76. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION – RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS

Submitted – Pursuant to Minute 53/Jul/11, a report summarising the updated situation in respect of the rental arrangements for 42 Galgate, including the fact that the owner of that property had been informed in writing that this Council would not be proceeding with the tenancy of the premises and that no rental payment for 42 Galgate would be made in respect of the June 2011 period. A reply letter had been received from the landlord and was circulated to aid Members' deliberations.

Prior to consideration of the above matter at the meeting, the Clerk made a formal statement relevant to the item under consideration. He referred specifically to the confidentiality of this item and conveyed his strong concerns about a specific course of action he presumed had been taken by one individual.

It was also reported that, as agreed at Minute 53(c)/Jul/11, the Clerk had had a meeting with County Councillor Bell and Councillor Wood, with a view to exploring alternative accommodation options with Durham County Council, and that an initial course of action had been agreed.

- Resolved** – (a) That a vote of confidence in the Clerk be agreed.
(b) That the rental for June 2011 in respect of 42 Galgate be paid.

(The press and public were permitted to return to the meeting at this point)

56. COUNCIL MEETING – 6TH JUNE, 2011 – MINUTES

Resolved – That the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

57. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 27TH JUNE, 2011 – MINUTES

Resolved – That the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

58. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH JULY, 2011 – MINUTES

Resolved – That the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

59. 'EN BLOC' ITEMS

Submitted – In accordance with Minute 72/Aug/04, a further set of items with the accompanying recommendations to be moved 'en bloc'. The seven items considered at the meeting were as follows:-

(1) Planning Committee Meeting – 6th June, 2011 – Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes be received.

(2) Modernisation Committee Meeting – 20th June, 2011 – Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes be received.

(3) Christmas Festival Committee Meeting – 22nd June, 2011 – Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes be received.

(4) Planning Committee Meeting – 27th June, 2011 – Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes be received.

(5) Finance Committee Meeting – 27th June, 2011 – Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes be received.

(6) Modernisation Committee Meeting – 4th July, 2011 – Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes be received.

(7) Town Mayor's Activities

It was reported that, since the Council meeting on 6th June, 2011, the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor had (as indicated) attended the following:-

- 12th June **(Deputy Town Mayor accompanied by Deputy Town Mayoress (Mrs P. Harrison))**
Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club's Charity Jazz Concert (Newton Aycliffe).
- 24th June **(Town Mayor accompanied by Town Mayoress (Miss R. Abrahams))**
Barnard Castle Vision's 'Action for Market Town Awards' celebration event (NeST, Newgate).
- 6th July **(Town Mayor accompanied by Town Mayoress)**
Aviation Day (HMYOI Deerbolt).
- 9th July **(Town Mayor accompanied by Town Mayoress)**
Barnard Castle School's Speech Day & Prize-giving.
- 11th July Town Council's Floral Competition – The Deputy Town Mayor accompanied the judge on the morning visits and the Town Mayor accompanied the judge on the afternoon visits to Garden Competition entries.
- 16th July **(Town Mayor accompanied by Town Mayoress)**
Town Council's Floral Competition (Methodist Church Hall, Scar Top).
- 17th July **(Town Mayor accompanied by Town Mayoress)**
Darlington Triathlon Club's Teesdale Sprint Triathlon prize-giving presentation (Teesdale Leisure Centre).

Resolved – That the information be noted.

60. REFERRAL FROM MODERNISATION COMMITTEE – BARNARD CASTLE VISION – REVIEW OF MEETING SITUATION

Reference was made to the recommendation of the Modernisation Committee, at Minute 10(E) of the set of Minutes at sub-section (2) of Minute 59 above, emanating from that Committee's review of the liaison arrangements between Barnard Castle Vision and this Council. Consideration had been given to the current link arrangements with the Vision which were as follows:-

- (i) meetings between Vision Chairman and Town Mayor – every 3 months;
- (ii) meetings between Vision Chairman and Clerk – every month;
- (iii) attendances by Vision representative(s) at Council meetings – every 6 months; and
- (iv) update reports to full Council – every ordinary meeting.

It was also fully recognised that additional 'one-off' liaison meetings could be convened on specific issues. It had also been accepted by the Committee that the information flow to Council meetings had to be selective.

Resolved – That, as recommended by the Modernisation Committee, the current meeting arrangements with Barnard Castle Vision are to continue.

61. BARNARD CASTLE VISION

Submitted - In accordance with the standard arrangements, a report incorporating a briefing note (jointly written by Mrs A. Ward of the Barnard Castle Vision and the Clerk) providing an update on the Vision's ongoing projects, including The Witham Hall situation, the Shop Front scheme and the Wayfinding scheme. It was also reported at the meeting that the Market Cross had experienced accidental damage causing the building to be closed off to members of the public. The necessary repairs would be carried out as soon as possible.

The Clerk also verbally reported on the outcome of his individual meeting with the Vision Chairman on 15th July, 2011.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(NOTE - At this point, Councillor Cooke (Town Mayor) left the Chair and Councillor Harrison (Deputy Town Mayor) was requested to chair the meeting during the consideration of the matters referred to at Minute 62 only. However, before the matters at Minute 62 were considered, Members were asked whether Councillor Cooke could remain in the Council Chamber to take part in the discussion and this was agreed. In addition, whilst no formal approval was given, at least two members of the public (including Mrs Hill of The Beaconsfield) spoke during the debate at Minute 62.)

62. TOWN MAYOR – NON-ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS – UPDATE

Submitted - Pursuant to Minutes 37/Jun 11 and 43/Jun/11, a report summarising the updated situation arising from the alleged incident at The Beaconsfield on Aviation Day on 7th July, 2010, including the fact that, as agreed, the verbal apology given by Councillor Cooke, to Mr and Mrs Hill of The Beaconsfield, at the Special Council meeting on 27th June, 2011 had been put in writing. The letter had also included an apology for the additional comment made by Councillor Cooke at the end of the Special Council meeting debate. However, it was confirmed that Councillor Cooke had subsequently received a written reply from Mrs Hill stating that they did not accept the apology.

It was also confirmed that the local Pubwatch organisation had banned Councillor Cooke from all of its licensed premises in the Teesdale area and, in that connection, the Clerk, on behalf of this Council, had had to issue an initial statement to the press. It was reported at the meeting that Councillor Cooke was seeking independent legal advice in respect of the whole matter. A lengthy discussion ensued, during which a number of Motions were put forward, with a final Motion eventually proposed and seconded.

Resolved – That a named vote be taken in respect of the final Motion put forward.

Those Members in support of the Motion were as follows:-

Councillors Mrs Bailes, Blissett, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Hamilton, Peat, Watson and Yarker.

Those Members against the Motion were as follows:-

Councillors Robinson and Wood.

Resolved – That this Council supports the Town Mayor.

(NOTE – At this point, the Clerk requested that agenda item 65 (Barnard Castle Meet – Request for ‘One-Off’ Financial Donation) be brought forward for consideration and this was agreed.)

65. BARNARD CASTLE MEET – REQUEST FOR ‘ONE-OFF’ FINANCIAL DONATION

Submitted – A report outlining a request from The Meet Committee for a ‘one-off’ financial donation from this Council. The request was for a donation of up to £5,000 and was submitted because of the serious financial difficulties which The Meet were experiencing for various reasons. A written request from The Meet Committee was circulated at the meeting to aid Members’ deliberations. It was noted that The Meet Committee had not submitted any accounting information. It was emphasised that that Committee were expecting a commitment from this Council’s 2012/13 budget, with the decision to be made in advance of the overall budgetary consideration for that year, and that the request was contrary to this Council’s financial donations scheme. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that The Meet’s weekend of activities benefited the Town in various ways.

Resolved – (a) That this Council is mindful to donate £5,000 to The Meet Committee should the relevant accounts prove to be acceptable.

(b) That the relevant accounts be submitted by The Meet Committee as a matter of urgency.

(c) That a Special meeting of the Finance Committee be scheduled for that Committee to consider the matter in more detail, with that Committee’s decision to be referred to the Council meeting scheduled for 5th September, 2011.

63A. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES

Submitted – A report providing updates on some of this Council’s representation on other bodies. The four items included in the report were as follows:-

(1) Barney Guild – Meeting on 20th June, 2011

Submitted – The Minutes of the Barney Guild meeting on 20th June, 2011. Matters discussed centred on a review of the Spring celebration weekend, future celebration weekends’ arrangements, a review of the use of the courtesy toilet scheme since the scheme’s introduction, the prohibited street trading order and the Guild’s financial situation.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(2) Friends of the Upper Demesnes – Meeting on 9th June, 2011

It was reported that, at the meeting of the Friends on 9th June, 2011, items discussed included liaison arrangements with Barnard Castle School, the actions taken to date during 2011 (including the building of a pond), the overall effect of the actions taken and proposals for the remainder of the year. It was emphasised that the project was a long-term one, with encouragement first given to the existing plants.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(3) Teesdale Marketing Limited – Reply Letter

It was reported that, when Teesdale Marketing Limited were notified of this Council’s representative on Teesdale Marketing for the Municipal Year 2011/12, the opportunity was taken to convey once again this Council’s concerns about the diminished role that this Council’s representative had in respect of Teesdale Marketing’s decision-making systems and financial arrangements. The associated request from this Council was that this Council’s representative should be appointed to the Board of Directors of Teesdale Council meeting 18th July & 1st August, 2011 – Minutes

Marketing. The reply letter from Teesdale Marketing had been circulated and it was noted that the previous letter of 2nd June, 2010 from that organisation was in a similar vein.

Resolved – That the information be noted and no further action be taken.

(4) Teesdale Residents' and Travellers' Forum – Meeting on 5th July, 2011

It was reported that, at the Forum's meeting on 5th July, 2011, issues discussed in respect of Barnard Castle centred on the temporary traffic restrictions in Bridgegate and the Police command vehicle being parked in Bridgegate. The drop bollard on the Demesnes had been serviced prior to the migration period and residents of the lower Demesnes had been visited by the Police to stress the importance of the overhead barrier being locked at all times.

It was also reported that an encampment had sprung up at Harmire Enterprise Park and that the land owner had put eviction proceedings in place. It was confirmed that investigations were being made with the land owner as to whether part of the land could be used as a Temporary Area of Acceptance.

Concern was expressed at the meeting regarding the fact that Shaw Bank was earmarked for development in Durham County Council's 'County Durham Plan' and that no alternative Temporary Area of Acceptance for the migration period had been considered for the area. It was considered that this would have a significant impact on the Town.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

63B. CONTINUATION MEETING SCHEDULING

At this point of the meeting, it was determined that, due to time constraints, a Continuation Council Meeting would be required.

Resolved - That a Continuation Council Meeting, to consider deferred items from this agenda, be scheduled as a matter of urgency.

64. SERVICE AND PROJECT UPDATES

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

66. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY TRAINING

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

67. FIELDS IN TRUST – THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

68. HEART OF TEESDALE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

69. SECTION 106 UPDATE

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

70. FUTURE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

71. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

72. TAXI LICENSING POLICY – CONCLUSION OF REVIEW

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

73. CONSULTATION MATTERS

Consideration of the three reports at this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

74B. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (in respect of Minute 75 below)

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

75. STANDARDS COMMITTEE MATTER

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Continuation Council meeting.

CONTINUATION COUNCIL MEETING 1ST AUGUST, 2011

PRESENT:- Councillor Cooke (Town Mayor)(in the Chair); Councillors Mrs Bailes, Blissett, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Hamilton, Harrison, Hinchcliffe (Minutes 54B to 72 inclusive), Peat, Robinson, Watson, Wood and Yarker.

Officers:- Mr Bosworth (Town Clerk) and Mrs Plant (Assistant Clerk).

54B. APOLOGIES:- None.

55B. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 20/Jun/07 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. Councillors Cooke (Town Mayor), Robinson and Wood all declared interests in respect of Minute 75.

64. SERVICE AND PROJECT UPDATES

Submitted – A report providing updates of some of this Council's services and current projects. The seven items included in the report were as follows:-

(1) Floral Competition 2011

It was reported that a meeting of the Floral Competition Working Group had taken place on 23rd June, 2011 to finalise arrangements for the 2011 Competition. The Garden Section entries in the Annual Floral Competition were judged on 11th July, 2011 by Mr S. Robinson and he was accompanied by the Deputy Town Mayor in the morning and the Town Mayor in the afternoon, with Councillor Yarker attending for the whole of the day and Councillors Blissett and Mrs Hamilton attending for parts of the day. There were 36 entries, all of which were considered to be of a high standard.

The results of the Garden Section (and the other categories judged on the day of the Event) were announced at the Annual Floral Competition Event on 16th July, 2011 and it was considered that the Event had been successful and enjoyed by all who attended. In respect of the Event being themed around The Royal British Legion's 90th Anniversary celebrations, it was confirmed that a total of £188.40 had been raised through various initiatives.

Resolved – (a) That the office staff be thanked for organising what was a successful Event.

(b) That the detailed information be noted.

(2) Floral Displays 2011 and Welcome Signs

With reference to the Floral and Open Spaces Working Group's co-ordination of a number of projects, it was reported that the first-year proposals of the floral displays' five-year project had been implemented, with the agreed concentration in situ in lower Galgate. A number of favourable comments had been received.

It was also reported that the two Welcome signs (paid for by a local resident) were in place (one at the entrance to Barnard Castle at the County Bridge and the other in upper Galgate) and that associated coverage had appeared in the Teesdale Mercury.

Resolved – That the situation be noted.

(3) Dawson Road Playingfield – Finance

It was reported that Community Spaces had awarded £50,000 for the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) to be installed on the Dawson Road playingfield, with the overall financial package resultantly being in place. It was anticipated that the MUGA would be installed and operational by November 2011.

It was also reported that Groundwork North East were organising football training sessions during the school holidays at Dawson Road play area using specific funds provided by Home Housing for that purpose.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(4) War Memorials

Pursuant to Minute 156(2)(C)/Mar/10, it was reported that the Annual Maintenance and Monitoring inspections of the three War Memorials which were the responsibility of this Council had been carried out by Councillor Blissett and a Services Administrator on 23rd June, 2011.

Arising from the inspections, some of the black lead lettering at the main Town Memorial was either missing or damaged. It was reported that two estimates had been received, one of £165 and the other of £50. It was confirmed that the 2011/12 War Memorials' budget was £150.

Resolved – That the repair work to the black lead lettering at the main Town Memorial be carried out, as soon as practical, at a cost no greater than £50.

(5) Website

Pursuant to Minute 126/Dec/10, a six-month update in respect of this Council's website was provided, including the facts that visits to the site ranged between 82 and 160 per month, the number of new visits to the website had risen from 20.00% to 51.76% and visits to the website had been from around the world.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(6) Newsletter

It was reported that a meeting of the Editorial Board had taken place on 8th June, 2011 and that the HPM Group of Newton Aycliffe had been chosen to produce the four 2011/12 editions of the Newsletter (2 x 4 pages and 2 x 8 pages). Decisions were also made as to the contents of Newsletter No. 16. Whilst that edition had been due to be published in the early part of June 2011, it was reported that substantial delays had occurred and that the publication date would now be at least 2 months later than planned.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(7) Market Place Public Toilets

It was reported that a meeting, involving Teesdale Action Partnership members and Town Council Members, to provide an update on the Market Place public toilets situation, had taken place on 13th June, 2011 and the Notes from that meeting were circulated. It was also reported that work was anticipated to start week commencing 1st August, 2011.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

66. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY TRAINING

Pursuant to Minute 157(c)/Jan/11 and the statement made by the Standards Committee Panel, in its Decision Notice following a full Hearing on 5th January, 2011, that there was a perceived need for Councillors to undertake equality and diversity training, a delay in a relevant training session being scheduled had occurred, Members were requested to indicate a commitment to the training before any expenditure was incurred.

Resolved – That Equality and Diversity training be arranged for the early part of Autumn 2011.

67. FIELDS IN TRUST – THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE

It was determined that, due to time constraints, consideration of this item would be deferred until the Council meeting scheduled for 5th September, 2011.

68. HEART OF TEESDALE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

It was determined that, due to time constraints and in view of the fact that there was a Floral and Open Spaces Working Group meeting scheduled for 3rd August, 2011, consideration of this item was unnecessary.

69. SECTION 106 UPDATE

It was determined that, due to time constraints, consideration of this item would be deferred until the Council meeting scheduled for 5th September, 2011.

70. FUTURE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

Submitted – A report outlining the implications and suggested replacement arrangements as a result of the proposed abolition in 2012 of Standards for England and the local Standards Committee arrangements, including the fact that the County Durham Association of Local Councils' Executive Committee had decided, at its meeting on 1st June, 2011, that the views of local councils should be sought about any replacement guidance considered necessary to maintain public confidence in local councillors in particular. The deadline for responses was 31st July, 2011. The National Association of Local Councils' Legal Briefing Note, which primarily stated that local councils should not have to adopt a replacement voluntary code of conduct, was attached to the submitted report.

Resolved – That the County Durham Association of Local Councils' Executive Committee be advised that this Council considers that there must be an effective external disciplinary process or system in place, partly because the majority of local councils do not have the resources to be responsible for their own in-house arrangements or effectively manage their own disputes.

71. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was reported that a request had been received from the County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) for nominations of candidates for positions on CDALC's Executive Committee. The present incumbents were willing to be renominated.

Resolved – That no nominations be made for positions on CDALC's Executive Committee.

72. TAXI LICENSING POLICY – CONCLUSION OF REVIEW

Submitted – Pursuant to Minute 80(3)/Sep/10, a report summarising the outcome of Durham County Council's consultation in respect of proposed changes and updates for that Council's Taxi Licensing Policy. It was noted that some of the outcomes of the review differed to this Council's submitted comments. Discussion ensued in respect of taxi fares, particularly for any journey ending outside the area in which a taxi was licensed.

Resolved – That further investigations be made into taxi charges and fares policies for any journey ending outside the area in which a taxi is licensed.

73. CONSULTATION MATTERS

There were three consultation documents submitted for consideration as follows:-

(1) The Boundary Committee's Further Draft Recommendations

Submitted – Pursuant to Minutes 21(a)/Jun/09 and 81/Oct/09, a report summarising The Boundary Committee for England's updated draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Durham County Council and the fact that The Boundary Committee had agreed with this Council's comments and recommended that there should be a return to two Town Council Wards (East and West divided by the main road through the Town), with Barnard Castle North Ward resultantly being abolished, and that this Council should comprise 12 Councillors as at present. However, it was considered disappointing that there was no recommendation for a separate County Council division of two County Councillors for Barnard Castle and part of its immediate surrounding area. The deadline for comments was 1st August, 2011.

Resolved – That The Boundary Committee for England's be advised that this Council is in general agreement with the updated draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Durham County Council and Barnard Castle itself.

(2) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Submitted – A report summarising details of Durham County Council's review of all of its polling districts and polling places which must be carried out every four years, including where this Council's current polling districts, places and stations were located. It was noted that the review was based on this Council's current polling districts and places and not on those proposed in The Boundary Committee for England recommendations (Minute 73(1) above refers). The deadline for comments was 31st August, 2011.

Resolved – That Durham County Council be advised that this Council considers that the polling districts, places and stations that are currently in place for Barnard Castle are appropriate and adequate.

(3) Draft Cemeteries Policy

Submitted – A report summarising Durham County Council's proposed policies that would guide the way that that Council managed its cemeteries in the future. The policies would address various important issues and would amalgamate the local rules and regulations of the former district councils that provided burial services. It was noted that, because consideration of this matter had had to be deferred from the Council meeting on 18th July, 2011, the deadline for responses of 25th July, 2011 had passed. Reference was made to this Council's concerns, previously expressed to the Council, in respect of the perceived potential lack of burial spaces in Barnard Castle (Minute 27/Jun/10 refers) and the lack of progress in the matter.

Resolved – That letters be sent to Barnard Castle's County Councillors, highlighting the lack of cemetery provision in Barnard Castle, with a view to enlisting their assistance in progressing the matter. and the relevant Durham County Council officers be written to at the same time. (*additional wording added following Council meeting on 5th September, 2011*)

74B. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (in respect of Minute 75 below)

Resolved – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter referred to at Minute 75 below on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Parts 1 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

75. STANDARDS COMMITTEE MATTERS

Submitted - A report providing updates on two Standards Committee matters, including details of a Decision Notice.

Resolved – That the information be noted.