

Present

Councillor Mrs B S Fortune (In the Chair)

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| Councillor | D E Adamson | Councillor | Mrs C Patmore |
| | R A Baker | | B Phillips |
| | P Bardon | | M J Prest |
| | K Billings | | M Rigby |
| | J Coulson | | M S Robson |
| | S P Dickins | | Mrs M Skilbeck |
| | Mrs F M Greenwell | | J N Smith |
| | A W Hall | | T Swales |
| | K G Hardisty | | S Watson |
| | N W Huxtable | | D A Webster |
| | R Kirk | | P R Wilkinson |
| | C A Les | | A W Wood |
| | J Noone | | |

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D M Blades, Mrs C S Cookman, B Griffiths, Mrs J A Griffiths, R W Hudson, J D Hugill, N A Knapton, Mrs S A Shepherd, P G Sowray and A P Wake)

C.5

CODE OF MEMBER CONDUCT AND APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

All Wards

The Chief Executive asked the Council to consider adopting a Code of Member Conduct under the new Standards Regime with effect from 1 July 2012, appointing Independent Persons for the purposes of the new Standards Regime and determining whether the Council's Procedure Rules should be amended to require Members to leave Council or Committee meetings when they had a disclosable pecuniary interest.

The Director of Corporate Services made the following amendments to the report prior to discussion:

- Paragraph 4.4 of the report to include Councillor M Rigby; and
- Paragraph 10.1 of the annex to read "Subject to paragraph 11"

Members agreed to defer the amendment of Procedure Rules until considered further.

THE DECISION:

That:

- (1) the Code of Member Conduct annexed to the report be adopted from 1 July 2012 for the purposes of Section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011;

- (2) the following Independent Persons be appointed;
- Mr R C Pennington – Faceby
 - Mr B Ferguson - Great Broughton
 - Mr K Bartlem - Carthorpe
- (3) amendment of the Council's Procedure Rules be deferred until considered further by the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee.

The meeting closed at 10.14am.

Chairman of the Council