STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Monday, 30th January, 2017

Present: Councillor June Harrison (in the Chair), Councillors Joyce Plummer, Kath Pratt and Jeff Scales

Apologies Altham Parish Councillors Thomas Fearon, Anthony Hickson and Rennie Pinder.

Mrs. Patricia Higginbottom (Independent Person)

334 Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies for absence were submitted from Altham Parish Councillors Thomas Fearon, Anthony Hickson and Rennie Pinder and from Mrs. Patricia Higginbottom (Independent Person).

There were no declarations of interest.

335 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Standards Committee held on 30th November 2016 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Resolved - That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

336 Grant of Dispensation

The Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) submitted a report seeking the grant of a dispensation to Hyndburn Borough Councillor Glen Harrison for a period of four years to enable him to speak and vote on the issues set out in Section 3 of the report at an Extra-ordinary meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7th February 2017, and any other meeting of that Committee or meeting of Council, at which the same topic was on the agenda. Councillor Harrison had applied for the dispensation and his request form was appended to the report. As an employee of Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (formally Calderstones Partnership NHS Trust), Councillor Harrison had a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter which would prevent him from speaking, voting or being present when the item was discussed by the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Council.
Resolved - That a dispensation to speak only and not vote, be granted to Councillor Glen Harrison to allow him to speak at a meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7th February 2017 and any other meeting of that Committee or meeting of Council at which the topic of the closure of Calderstones and the Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust proposals was discussed (as set out in Section 3 of the report). The dispensation to expire after a period of four years or earlier if he ceased to be a Member of the Council.

Signed:……………………………………………

Date: …………………………………………………

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed