

Standards Committee



Date & time
Wednesday 18
July 2007 at
10.30am

Place
Committee Room B
County Hall,
Kingston upon
Thames
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Members

+Mrs Angela Fraser DL (Banstead East) (Chairman), *Mr SFI Rutter (Vice-Chairman)

Co-opted Members

+Mr Victor Agarwal (Stanwell and Stanwell Moor), *Mr Nicolas Davies LVOJPDL, *Ms Karen Heenan, +Mr Daniel Kee (Reigate North), +Mr Geoff Marlow (The Byfleets), +Mr Chris Slyfield (Godalming North), +Mrs Jean Smith (Epsom and Ewell North)

+ = Appointed Member

* = Independent Representative

NOTES:

1. Members are requested to let the Democratic Services Officer have the wording of any motions and amendments not later than one hour before the start of the meeting.
2. Substitutions must be notified to the Democratic Services Officer by the absent Member or group representative at least half an hour in advance of the meeting.

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC**REPORT COLOUR**

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS** **Agenda Item**
- To receive any apologies for absence and notices of substitutions
- 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 18 April 2007** **White**
- To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 18 April 2007, which are attached.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** **Agenda Item**
- To receive any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.
- (Notes: Declarations of interest should be made on a form available from the Democratic Services Officer before the meeting.
- Members are reminded that in accordance with the Constitution any Member declaring a prejudicial interest is required to withdraw from the meeting unless he/she has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee.)
- 4 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS** **Agenda Item**
- To receive any questions or petitions.
- Notes:**
1. The deadline for Member's questions is 12.00pm four working days before the meeting.
 2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting.
 3. The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.
- 5 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE** **Agenda Item**
- To elect a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2007/08 municipal year.
- On 12 June 2007, the County Council agreed amendments to the Constitution which enable the Standards Committee to select its own Chairman and Vice Chairman. It also agreed that the Chairman of the Committee should be selected from amongst the Independent Representatives on the Committee.
- In accordance with the Constitution, Members are asked to notify Cheryl Hardman before the meeting if they intend to nominate another Member as Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION Agenda Item

To note amendments to the constitution that affect Standards Committee, as agreed by County Council on 12 June 2007.

7 ADOPTING THE NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS Agenda Item

To note the process for adopting the new Model Code of Conduct.

8 REVIEW OF ETHICAL STANDARDS ISSUES 2006/07 Green

To receive the annual summary of:

- Activity which has taken place in support of the Committee's objectives and
- The handling and outcomes of allegations received about Surrey County Councillors.

9 STANDARDS COMMITTEE TRAINING FEEDBACK Agenda Item

To hear feedback from Members and Officers who have attended relevant training or seminars for Standards Committee since the last meeting.

10 COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS REPORT: APRIL TO JUNE 2007/08 White

To note this first quarter 2007/08 monitoring report and ensure that the Councils' complaints procedures are effective.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 26 September 2007 at 10.30am.

The dates of future scheduled meetings are:

- 19 December 2007
- 20 February 2008
- 29 April 2008
- 25 June 2008

**RICHARD SHAW
Chief Executive**

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