

Standards Committee



Date & time
Wednesday 25
June 2008 at
10.30am

Place
Committee Room B
County Hall,
Kingston upon
Thames
Surrey, KT1 2DN

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Members

*Mr Nicolas Davies LVO JP DL (Chairman), +Mrs Angela Fraser DL (Banstead East) (Vice-Chairman), +Mr Victor Agarwal (Stanwell and Stanwell Moor), *Mr Simon Edge, *Ms Karen Heenan, +Mr Geoff Marlow (The Byfleets), *Mr SFI Rutter, +Mr Chris Slyfield (Godalming North), +Mrs Jean Smith (Epsom and Ewell North), +Mrs Christine Stevens (Haslemere)

+ = 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 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 2008/09 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 **Ann Charlton** before the meeting if they intend to nominate another Member as Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Agenda Item

To receive any apologies for absence and notices of substitutions

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 29 April 2008

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To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 29 April 2008, which are attached.

4 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.)

5 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.

6 CHAIRMAN AND MONITORING OFFICER UPDATE**Agenda Item**

To receive an update on the Chairman and Monitoring Officer's meetings with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive with regard to current Standards matters.

7 LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT BY A MEMBER: ESTABLISHING THE NEW REGIME**White**

Since 8 May 2008, any formal complaint of misconduct about a Surrey County Councillor must be made to the Standards Committee. This report sets out what the changes will be to the system of handling complaints against Members, and the issues which the Authority needs to address in order to meet these new requirements.

8 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Following suggestions that future meetings be held on Mondays or Fridays rather than Wednesdays as they are currently, Members are asked to decide whether to retain the current schedule of meetings or change to the proposed alternative schedule of meetings.

Scheduled Meetings	Proposed Alternative Schedule
Wednesday 17 September 2008	Monday 15 September 2008
Wednesday 12 November 2008	Monday 3 November 2008
Wednesday 14 January 2009	Monday 2 February 2009
Wednesday 29 April 2009	Friday 17 April 2009
Wednesday 1 July 2009	Friday 3 July 2009
Tuesday 29 September 2009	Friday 2 October 2009
Wednesday 2 December 2009	Monday 30 November 2009
Wednesday 24 February 2010	Monday 15 February 2010
Wednesday 14 April 2010	Monday 12 April 2010

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Chief Executive

Please note that a training session on initial assessments will follow the meeting. Lunch will be provided.

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