

Standards Committee



Date & time
Monday 15
September 2008
at 10am

Place
Committee Room B
County Hall,
Kingston upon
Thames
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Members

*Mr SFI Rutter (Chairman), +Mrs Angela Fraser DL (Banstead East) (Vice-Chairman), +Mr Victor Agarwal (Stanwell and Stanwell Moor), *Mr Nicolas Davies LVO JP DL, *Mr Simon Edge, *Ms Karen Heenan, +Mr Geoff Marlow (The Byfleets), +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 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS** **Agenda Item**
- To receive any apologies for absence and notices of substitutions
- 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 25 June 2008** **Green**
- To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 25 June 2008, 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 COMPLAINTS HANDLING PERFORMANCE: APRIL TO AUGUST 2008** **White**
- To note this performance report for April to August 2008 and ensure that the Councils' complaints procedures are effective.
- Nigel Bartlett-Twivey (Customer Relations Manager, Services for Communities) will be in attendance.

6 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL LETTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2008 **Green**

To note the Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Letter and the response from the County Council's Chief Executive.

Nigel Bartlett-Twivey (Customer Relations Manager, Services for Communities) will be in attendance.

7 STANDARDS AND ETHICS AWARD **White**

To consider whether to enter for the Standards and Ethics Award at the 2009 LGC Awards.

8 LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT BY A MEMBER: PROGRESS **Agenda Item**

Since 8 May 2008, any formal complaint of misconduct about a Surrey County Councillor must be made to the Standards Committee.

The Committee will receive an oral update on progress towards meeting the new requirements.

9 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 3 November 2008 at 10am.

The dates of future scheduled meetings are:

- Monday 2 February 2009
- Friday 17 April 2009
- Friday 3 July 2009

RICHARD SHAW
Chief Executive

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