

Standards Committee



Date & time	Place	Contact	Interim Chief Executive
Friday 13 March 2009 at 10am	Committee Room B County Hall, Kingston upon Thames	Cheryl Hardman Room 122, County Hall	Michael Frater
Postponed from Monday 2 February 2009 at 11am	Surrey, KT1 2DN	Tel 020 8541 9075 Email: cherylh@surreycc.gov.uk	

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This meeting will be held in public. If you would like to attend and you have any special requirements, please contact Cheryl Hardman on 020 8541 9075.

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)

+ = Elected 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

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS | Agenda Item |
| | To receive any apologies for absence and notices of substitutions | |
| 2 | MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 3 November 2008 | Previously circulated |
| | To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 3 November 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 | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON MEETING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN | Previously circulated |
| | To receive a report on the Standards Committee Chairman's meeting with the Local Government Ombudsman to discuss his annual letter to the County Council and the proposed changes in the relationship between the LGO and Standards Committees. | |

6 SEN COMPLAINT FEEDBACK – RESPONSE FROM THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

**Previously
circulated**

To receive the response from the Strategic Director for Children, Schools and Families to questions referred from Standards Committee regarding the Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Letter.

Andy Roberts (Strategic Director for Children, Schools and Families) will be in attendance.

7 COMPLAINTS HANDLING PERFORMANCE: SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2008

**Previously
circulated**

To note this performance report for September to December 2008 and ensure that the Councils' complaints procedures are effective.

Radhika Verma (Customer Relations Manager, Customers and Communities Directorate) will be in attendance.

8 GUIDANCE ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE ADJUDICATION PANEL WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING A REFERENCE FROM A STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Previously
circulated**

To discuss the Guidance on the circumstances in which the Adjudication Panel would consider accepting a reference from a Standards Committee under Regulation 17 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

9 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT SURVEY – FEEDBACK ON FINDINGS

Agenda Item

To receive the findings from the Standards of Conduct Survey and consider a way forward.

10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 17 April 2009 at 10am.

The dates of future scheduled meetings are:

Friday 3 July 2009

Friday 2 October 2009

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Recommendation: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PART 2**IN PRIVATE****12 COMPLAINT REF. 0808: OUTCOME OF 'OTHER ACTION'****Previously
circulated**

To decide whether the Committee is satisfied with action taken by the Monitoring Officer in response to a referral to her in relation to an allegation of misconduct against a County Councillor.

Confidential: Not for publication under paragraph 1:
Information relating to any individual.

13 PUBLICITY FOR PART TWO ITEMS

To consider whether the item considered under Part 2 of the agenda should be made available to the Press and public.

MICHAEL FRATER
Interim Chief Executive

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