



STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
14 June 2010

**Appointment of Standards Sub-Committees**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To agree the membership of Sub-Committees to consider the initial assessment and review of complaints about the conduct of County Councillors and Co-opted Members of Council Committees.

**Introduction:**

1. The Standards Committee has established two Sub-Committees, each comprising five members, two of whom are independent co-opted members and one of whom is then appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee. These are referred to as Sub-Committee A and Sub-Committee B and each has a programme of bi-monthly meetings. These are diarised but may be cancelled if there is no work for that sub-committee. Each Sub-Committee may sit as either an Assessment Sub-Committee or a Review Sub-Committee with the proviso that no sub-committee may carry out a review of its own initial assessment of a complaint. Sub-Committees must be appointed by the Standards Committee.
2. The quorum (minimum actual attendance) for each such Sub-Committee is three members:
  - at least 25% of each sub-committee must be Independent Co-opted Members, one of whom must be present to chair the meeting
  - at least one elected member of this Council must be present at each meeting.
3. There is an ongoing programme of work for the sub-committees and it is, therefore, necessary to make appointments to them at this meeting. As a starting point the following appointments are suggested. These have been drawn up to ensure that each sub-committee has an appropriate mix of independent co-opted and elected members and

experienced and new committee members. The Committee is asked to approve these and to appoint a Chairman to each Sub-Committee from its independent membership

Sub-Committee A

Mr Simon Edge, Mr David Munro, Mrs Marion Roberts, Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, Mr Colin Taylor

Sub-Committee B

Mrs Sally De la Badoyere, Ms Karen Heenan, Mr Geoff Marlow, Mrs Lavinia Sealy, Mr Eber Kington

**Financial and value for money implications**

None:

**Equalities Implications**

The Standards Committee needs to have in place effective arrangements to consider any complaint that a Member may have done something to breach equality enactments.

**Risk Management Implications**

Failure to put in place effective arrangements for assessing complaints would result in poor performance and ultimately Standards Board intervention.

**Implications for the Council's Priorities or Community Strategy/Local Area Agreement Targets**

None.

<b>Recommendations:</b>
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4. That the Committee appoint Members to Sub-Committees A and B as recommended above and appoint a Chairman to each Sub-Committee from its independent membership.

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**Next steps:**

None.

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**Sources/background papers:**

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008

Local Standards Framework Standards Board guide for authorities