



STANDARDS COMMITTEE
4 JULY 2011

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, Mrs Sally De la Bedoyere, Mr David Munro, Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, Mr Colin Taylor

Sub-Committee B

Ms Karen Heenan, Mr Eber Kington, Mr Geoff Marlow, Mrs Marion Roberts, Mrs Lavinia Sealy

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 for England intervention.

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

None.

Recommendations:

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.

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