

Decision Summary

Committee: Standards Committee
Date: 22 June 2010
Committee Clerk: Andrea Woodside
Tel: 01484 221000

Chair

Mr P Blythe (Independent Member)

Councillors Attended

Derek John Hardcastle, Nigel Patrick, Christine M L Smith, Ken Smith, Mohan S Sokhal

Co-opted Members

Mr D J Binns (Independent Member)
Councillor Shirley Watson (Meltham Town Council)
Councillor P Cunnington (Kirkburton Parish Council)
Prof A Kitson (Independent Member)

1. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 April 2010.

Decision: Approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of item 5 (2) to reflect that the resolution sought to request that the updated schedule in future be classified in the same way as is done by Standards for England.

2. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda about which they might have a personal interest which prevents them from taking part in the discussions. They could be financial or some other reason. A form is attached for completion by Councillors if they have an interest in any of the items to be discussed at the meeting. Please complete this form and return it to the Committee Officer at the end of the meeting.

Decision: No interests were declared.

3. Admission of the public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

Decision: Determined.

4. Deputations / Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public.

A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

Decision: None received.

5. Public question time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

Decision: No questions were asked.

6. Update on Complaints

To receive a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer.

Contact: Vanessa Redfern 01484 221720

Decision: That the update report be noted.

7. Verbal Update

To receive a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer on (i) current complaints (ii) outcome of recommendations made by Standards Committee to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee and Council.

Contact: Vanessa Redfern 01484 221720

Decision: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That revisions to the Planning Protocol be re-submitted to a future meeting following consultation with the Chair of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.

8. Appointment of Spokesperson

To consider the nomination of an Elected Member to act as Spokesperson of the Committee.

Contact: Andrea Woodside 01484 221715

Decision: That Councillor C Smith be nominated as spokesperson.

9. Appointment of Deputy Chair

To consider the appointment of a Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

Decision: That Prof A Kitson be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Committee.

10. Annual Report

To receive the Standards Committee Chair's Annual Report.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

Decision: That the report be noted and referred to Council.

11. Abolition of Standards Regime

To consider proposals for the abolition of the Standards Regime.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

Decision: That the report be noted.

12. Meeting with Chief Executive

To receive verbal feedback from the Chair further to his meeting with the Chief Executive.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

Decision: That the Chair's update be noted.

13. Dates of Future Meetings - 2010/2011

Tuesday 17 August 2010 - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 12 October 2010 - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 7 December 2010 - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 1 February 2011 - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 29 March 2011 - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 31 May 2011 - 3.00 pm.

Decision: That the dates of future meetings be noted.