Decision Summary

Committee: Standards Committee
Date: 17 August 2010
Committee Clerk: Andrea Woodside
Tel: 01484 221000

Chair
Mr P Blythe (Independent Member)

Councillors Attended
Derek John Hardcastle, Nigel Patrick, David Ridgway, Mohan S Sokhal

Co-opted Members
Mr D J Binns (Independent Member)
Councillor C Kaye (Holme Valley Parish Council)
Councillor P Cunnington (Kirkburton Parish Council)

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1. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 June 2010.

Decision: Approved as a correct record.

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: None 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: None received.

6.   Update on Complaints

To receive a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer.

Contact: Vanessa Redfern 01484 221720

Decision: That the update be noted.

7. **Draft Work Programme for Standards Committee 2010/2011**

To consider the proposed work programme for Standards Committee.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

Decision: (1) That the Work Programme be noted.

(2) That Members be asked to provide ideas and suggestions to the Monitoring Officer in terms of the potential abolition of the Standards regime and the key issues that the Council would wish the Government to consider in the implementation of changes to the current process.

(3) That the Monitoring Officer liaise with Group Leaders to determine whether they would wish to consider voluntarily establishing a Standards regime in the event of national abolition.

(4) That the Monitoring Officer provides details of the costs involved in undertaking a Standards investigation to the next meeting.

(5) That the Planning Protocols be submitted to a future meeting to enable further discussion regarding the requirements of training of Members of Planning Sub-Committee.

8. **Draft Training Programme for Standards Committee 2010/2011**

To consider and approve the draft training programme for Standards Committee

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

Decision: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Monitoring Officer be asked to submit attendance training records to a future meeting of the Committee.

9. **Review of Complaint (Ref: 2008-005)**

To consider the recommendations as set out in the report.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

Decision: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the recommendations as set out in paragraphs 2.12 and 2.2 of the report be adopted.

10. **Website Update**

   To receive a verbal update on improvements to the provision of Standards materials on the website.

   Contact: Professor A Kitson

   Decision: Item deferred.

11. **Dates of Future Meetings - 2010/2011**

   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: Noted.