

Decision Summary

Committee: Standards Committee
Date: 18 July 2013
Committee Clerk: Andrea Woodside
Tel: 01484 221000

Chair

Councillor David Paul Sheard

Councillors Attended

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

Co-opted Members

Mike Stow (Independent Person)
Angela Vine (Independent Person)

1. Membership of the committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

Decision: Not applicable.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 May 2013.

Decision: Approved as a correct record.

3. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests

Decision: No interests were declared.

4. 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: It was noted that all Agenda Items would be considered in public session.

5. 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: No deputations or petitions were received.

6. Public question time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

Decision: No questions were asked.

7. Review of Complaints

To receive a report setting out details of the standards complaints dealt with since the commencement of the new arrangements for standards matters on 1 July 2012, and the action taken.

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Decision: (1) That the report be noted.
(2) That a periodic anonymised summary be produced for circulation to all Councillors advising of received complaints including information relating to the subject matter, the 'principle of public life' that was alleged to be breached, and the outcome of the investigation.

8. Review of New Arrangements for Member Conduct

To review the arrangements currently in place for dealing with complaints regarding member conduct.

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Decision: Please see Report C.

