

Date of issue: 23rd September 2011

MEETING:

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBERS:

Mr Mike Field (Chairman), Mr Fred Ashmore and Mr Alan Sunderland.

ELECTED MEMBERS:-

Councillors Basharat, Buchanan, Coad, M S Mann, P K Mann and Minhas

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:-

Parish Councillors Malik, Nye and Tilbury.

DATE AND TIME:

MONDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 2011 AT 6.30 PM

VENUE:

COMMITTEE ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, BATH ROAD, SLOUGH

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER:

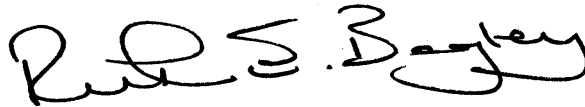
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NOTICE OF MEETING

You are requested to attend the above Meeting at the time and date indicated to deal with the business set out in the following agenda.



RUTH BAGLEY
Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>WARD</u>
	Apologies for absence.		
1.	Declarations of Interest (Members are reminded of their duty to declare personal and personal prejudicial interests in matters coming before this meeting as set out in the Local Code of Conduct)		
2.	Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 6th June 2011	1 - 2	
3.	Committee Membership - Verbal Update on Appointment of Standards Independent Member	-	-
4.	Localism Bill - (Verbal Update and/or Presentation)	-	All
5.	Standards Committee Work Programme 2011/12	3 - 4	All

Press and Public

You are welcome to attend this meeting which is open to the press and public, as an observer. You will however be asked to leave before the Committee considers any items in the Part II agenda. Special facilities may be made available for disabled or non-English speaking persons. Please contact the Democratic Services Officer shown above for further details.

Standards Committee – Meeting held on Monday, 6th June, 2011.

Present:-

Co-opted Independent Members:-

Mr Fred Ashmore and Mr Alan Sunderland

Elected Members:-

Councillors Basharat, M S Mann, P K Mann and Minhas

Parish Councillor Representative:-

Parish Councillors Sandra Malik, Michael Nye and Alan Tilbury.

Apologies for Absence:- Mr Mike Field, Councillors Buchanan and Coad

PART 1

21. Declarations of Interest

None.

22. Election of Chair

Resolved – That Mr Mike Field be appointed Chair of the Committee for the current municipal year.

23. Election of Vice-Chair

Resolved – That Mr Fred Ashmore be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the current municipal year.

(Vice-Chair Mr Ashmore in the Chair)

24. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 6th October 2010

Resolved – That the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6th October, 2010 were approved as a correct record.

25. Appointment of Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee

- Resolved** –
- (a) That Mr Fred Ashmore and Mr Alan Sunderland together with three elected Members of the Committee serve on the Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee for the current municipal year.
 - (b) That the three elected members be drawn by lot from a pool comprising of all Borough Council elected members on the Standards Committee.

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- (c) That a Parish Councillor Representative, drawn by lot, serve on the Sub-Committee if a complaint relates to a Parish Councillor.

26. Appointment of Standards (Review) Sub-Committee

- Resolved –**
- (a) That Mr Mike Field and one other Independent Co-Opted Member (currently a Vacancy) together with three elected Members of the Committee serve on the Standards (Review) Sub-Committee for the current municipal year.
 - (d) That the three elected members be drawn by lot from a pool comprising of all Borough Council elected members on the Standards committee.
 - (e) That a Parish Councillor Representative, drawn by lot, serve on the Sub-Committee if a complaint relates to a Parish Councillor.

27. Appointment of Standards (Determination) Sub-Committee

Resolved –

- (a) That the Chair of the Committee, Mr Mike Field, plus two Independent Co-opted Members and two elected Members, drawn by lot from the membership of the Standards Committee, be appointed as and when required to serve on the Standards (Determination) Sub-Committee.
- (b) That if the complaint to be considered by the Sub-Committee relates to a Parish Councillor a Parish Council representative on the Committee will also be appointed to serve on the Sub-Committee.

28. Appointment of Standards (Dispensation) Sub-Committee

- Resolved -** That Mr Ashmore and Mr Sunderland together with three elected members, drawn by lot from the pool of elected members on the Standards Committee be appointed to serve on the Standards (Dispensation) Sub-Committee for the current municipal year.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 6.45 pm)

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Standards Committee **DATE:** 3rd October 2011

CONTACT OFFICER: Kevin Gordon, Monitoring Officer
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WARD(S): All

PART I
FOR INFORMATION

WORK PROGRAMME 2011/2012

1. **Purpose of Report**

To submit for information the Committee's work programme for 2011/2012

2.. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Committee is asked to note/comment on the attached work programme (**Appendix A**) and identify any other matters they would like the Committee to consider during the next municipal year.

3. **Community Strategy priorities**

By adopting the action now proposed the Council will help ensure that governance of the highest order is maintained which will contribute to achieving the Council's community strategy priorities.

4. **Other Implications**

- (a) **Financial** – None
- (b) **Risk Management** – There are no specific risks arising from this report .
- (c) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications** - None
- (d) **Workforce** -There may be some staffing implications in terms of increased work load for certain members of staff.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 Attached (**Appendix A**) is the work programme for the Committee for 2011/12.

5.2 In addition to the tasks outlined in the programme, the Committee, through its Assessment Sub-Committee may be required to consider any complaints received regarding alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct and through its Review Sub-Committee consider any appeals against decisions not to take any further action in respect of those complaints.

6. **Background Papers**

None

STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2011/2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Lead Officer(s)</u>
9 th January 2011	Report on Members' attendance at meetings and Member training 2010/2011	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Dates to be arranged when investigations complete	<p>On completion of the investigations, consideration and determination of 3 complaints regarding alleged breaches of conduct by Members (Standards (Determination) Sub-Committee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case 21/2010 • Case 25/2011 • Case 27/2011 <p><i>(A verbal update with regards to the status of the investigations referred to above will be provided at the meeting)</i></p>	Head of Legal Services/ Senior Democratic Services Officer
Date to be confirmed	<p>Localism Bill: Arrangements for future Code of Conduct regime</p> <p>(Additional meetings of the Standards Committee may have to be arranged)</p>	Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services