

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Standards Committee

DATE: 18th June 2007

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WARD(S): All

PART I FOR DECISION

ATTENDANCE AT PARISH AND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. **Purpose of Report**

To consider and approve arrangements for Committee Members and the Monitoring Officer to attend Parish and Borough Council Meetings.

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

2.1 The Committee is asked to agree which Members should attend which Borough and Parish Council Meetings.

3. **Key Priorities – Taking Pride in Slough and Making a Difference to Communities and our Environment**

Priority 5 – Maintaining excellent governance within the council to ensure it is efficient, effective and economic in everything it does.

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

4. **Other Implications**

4.1 There are no financial, nor any direct legal (including human rights) implications arising from this report. There may be some staffing implications in terms of increased work load for certain members of staff.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 In accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of the Local Government Act 2000 the Council's Standards Committee has the same functions in relation to the Parish Councils for which the Council is the responsible authority and the Members of those Parish Councils. The Chair is keen that the Committee should become more involved in the work of the Parish Councils and is proposing that, periodically, selected Members of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer should attend meetings of Parish Councils to observe their procedures and the behaviour of their Members. He also suggests that this should be extended to Council and Committee meetings of this Authority and that the Independent members should periodically attend these meetings.

5.2 At the Standards Committee's meeting held on 2nd April 2007, the Committee approved the Chair's proposals and resolved that the Committee at its next meeting should consider and approve arrangements for Committee Members and the Monitoring Officer to attend Parish Council Meetings and for the Independent Co-opted Members to attend Council and Committee meetings of this Authority.

5.3 The dates of the Parish Council Meetings are set out below:

Britwell Parish Council

18th July 2007
19th September 2007
17th October 2007
14th November 2007
16th January 2008
13th February 2008
12th March 2008
16th April 2008

Wexham Court Parish Council

10th July 2007
11th September 2007
9th October 2007
6th November 2007
11th December 2007
12th February 2008
11th March 2008
8th April 2008

Colbrook with Poyle Parish Council

10th July 2007
11th September 2007
9th October 2007
6th November 2007
8th January 2008
12th February 2008
11th March 2008
8th April 2008

5.4 Members are asked to indicate which Parish Council Meetings and Borough Council Meetings they would wish to attend to observe their proceedings during the forthcoming municipal year.

6. Background Papers

Future Work Programme and Action Report submitted to and Minutes of the Standards Committee Meeting held on 2nd April 2007.