



AGENDA

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 22nd January, 2008, at 2.00 pm
Swale 1, Sessions House, County Hall,
Maidstone

Ask for: **Mary Cooper**
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UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

1. Membership

To note that Councillor Members remain as Mr J F London (Conservative), Mr L Christie (Labour) and Mr D S Daley (Liberal Democrat); and that the following Independent Members have been appointed by the Council to serve for the four year term from 1 November 2007 to 31 October 2011:-

Mrs N Ahmed, OBE DL

Mr P A Gammon, MBE

Miss R MacCrone

2. Election of Chairman

The Council's Constitution requires the Chairman to be drawn from one of the Independent Members.

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2007 (Pages 1 - 2)

5. Changing role of Standards Committees from 1 April 2008 (Pages 3 - 52)

(a) Government Consultation Paper (*attached*)

(b) Paper by Miss R MacCrone (*attached*)

6. Ethical Standards Audit (Pages 53 - 64)

KCC Internal Audit completed an audit of authority-wide compliance with Ethical Standards last July (report attached).

Mrs Julie Samson, Audit Manager, will attend the meeting.

7. New Allegations to Standards Board for England against KCC Members (Pages 65 - 70)

8. Standards Board for England (SBE) Annual Assembly - October 2007 (Pages 71 - 72)

Miss MacCrone attended the SBE Assembly as a representative of the Standards Committee. Her report on the proceedings is attached.

9. Date of Next Meeting
10. Any other urgent business

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

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Monday, 14 January 2008

Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers maybe inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.