

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Standards Committee held in the Swale 3, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 30 April 2008.

PRESENT: Miss R MacCrone (Chairman), Mrs N Ahmed OBE DL; Mr I Christie, Mr D S Daley, Mr P A Gammon, MBE and Mr J F London.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Director of Law and Governance, Mr G Wild and the Democratic Services Manager, Mrs M E Cooper.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

13. Minutes
(Item 2)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

14. Presentation on website publication
(Item 3)

(Mr P Carter, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, together with Mrs L Frampton and Mrs E Tullberg of the Remuneration Panel)

(1) The Committee received a presentation on the proposed information to be displayed on the website to enable complaints to be made in respect of Members who had allegedly breached the Code of Conduct.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the presentation be noted; and
- (b) a link be included to a complaint form on the site to enable complainants to complete and submit either electronically or in hard copy format.

15. Standard Committee Regulations
(Item 4)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

16. New Standards Recommendations
(Item 5)

(1) The report followed a request from the London Borough of Bromley to appoint Independent Members from other Standards Committees to deal with specific allegations or complaints.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Independent Members would be prepared to cover sharing in appropriate circumstances; and
- (b) a similar proposal be put to Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority and the Kent Police Authority.

17. Survey Results: BMG Satisfaction with the Standards Board for England and Attitudes to the Ethical Environment
(Item 6)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

18. Consultation Paper on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England
(Item 7)

RESOLVED that the report which gave a summary of responses received by the Department for Communities and Local Government be noted.

19. Date of next meeting
(Item 9)

The Committee agreed the next meeting be held on 22 May 2008 at 10am.