



Epping Forest District Council

STANDARDS COMMITTEE Tuesday, 13th July, 2010

Place: Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
Room: Committee Room 1
Time: 7.30 pm
Committee Secretary: G Lunnun (The Office of the Chief Executive)
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Members:

Councillors Mrs A Grigg, Mrs P Smith, Mrs J H Whitehouse, Messrs J Guth, G Weltch and M Wright

Parish/Town Council Deputy Representative(s):

Councillors Mrs D Borton, J Salter, B Surtees

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Recommendation:

To note the membership of the Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 and welcome new members

(Monitoring Officer) The membership of the Committee is:

- (a) District Council Members: Councillors Anne Grigg, Penny Smith and Janet Whitehouse;
- (b) Parish/Town Council Representatives (nominated by the Association of Local Councils (Epping Forest): Councillors Daphne Borton, Jason Salter and Brian Surtees;
- (c) Independent Co-optees: Grenville Weltch (until 31 July 2010), Murray Wright (until May 2013 if not re-appointed at that time), Jason Guth (until May 2013 if not re-appointed at that time), Richard Crone (from 1 August 2010 until 31 July 2013 if not re-appointed at that time).

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Recommendation:

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2010/11

(Monitoring Officer) The Committee is asked to elect a Chairman for the coming year. The Chairman must be elected from the independent co-optees and cannot be a member of the District Council or of any Parish or Town Council.

3. VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

Recommendation:

To appoint a Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2010/11

(Monitoring Officer) The Committee is asked to appoint a Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The Vice-Chairman must be elected from the independent co-optees and cannot be a member of the District Council or of any Parish or Town Council.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2010 (attached).

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

7. FUTURE OF STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND (Pages 9 - 10)

(Monitoring Officer) To consider the impact of the attached letter from the Chairman of Standards for England.

8. ALLEGATIONS MADE ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF DISTRICT AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCILLORS (Pages 11 - 12)

(Monitoring Officer) To consider the attached schedule showing the current position.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

(Monitoring Officer) The calendar for 2010/11 provides for meetings of the Committee on 12 October 2010, 18 January 2011 and 19 April 2011.

Additional meetings can be arranged as and when required by the Committee.

10. INDEPENDENT MEMBER - GRENVILLE WELTCH

(Monitoring Officer) To acknowledge that this will be the last meeting attended by Grenville Weltch following his notice of resignation as an Independent member of

the Committee which becomes effective on 31 July 2010.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
12	Standards for England Direction	1

To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items which are confidential under Section 100(A)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972:

Agenda Item No	Subject
Nil	Nil

Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

Background Papers: Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.

12. STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND DIRECTION

(Monitoring Officer) To receive an oral update on progress being made in relation to the Direction.