

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE DECISIONS

## 28 FEBRUARY 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
3.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>1. That the Minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 8 November 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to minute ST17 being amended to ST24.</p> <p>2. That the Minutes of the Standards Sub-Committee meetings held on 18 December 2012 and on 31 January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records.</p>	-	Democratic Services Manager
6.	<p><b>Assessment of Complaints – Localism Act Section 28 Arrangements and Working Group Review</b></p> <p>1. That no changes be made to the substantive Code of Conduct for Members and Co-Opted Members.</p> <p>2. That the Constitution Commission be recommended to consider and recommend to the Council:</p> <p>(a) that the ‘Nolan Principles’ contained within the Guidance to the Code of Conduct be updated to reflect the 14<sup>th</sup> report of the Committee for Standards in Public Life;</p> <p>(b) that the Guidance to the Code of Conduct be removed from the Constitution, to aid its expeditious updating; and</p> <p>(c) that the Standards Committee’s Terms of Reference be amended to provide for the delegation of the initial determination of a complaint to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with an Independent Person.</p>	-	Monitoring Officer & Acting Assistant Director (Law & Governance)  &  Solicitor (Governance & Employment)

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6. Cont'd.	<p><b>Assessment of Complaints – Localism Act Section 28 Arrangements and Working Group Review</b></p> <p>3. That the Chair and Spokespersons be requested to seek comments from their Political Group's and submit these to the Solicitor (Law and Governance) by 28 March 2013, in order that they may be reported to the Constitution Commission.</p> <p>4. That, in the event of the Council supporting the removal of the Guidance from the Constitution, the guidance be made available on the Council's web-Site.</p> <p>5. That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee informing the Committee of the outcome of the Constitution Commission's and the Council's consideration of the Committee's recommendations, and including an up-dated flowchart showing the revised arrangements for the determination of complaints.</p> <p>6. That the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-Opted Members be reviewed in a years time.</p>	-	<p>Monitoring Officer &amp; Acting Assistant Director (Law &amp; Governance)</p> <p>&amp;</p> <p>Solicitor (Governance &amp; Employment)</p>
7.	<p><b>Localism Act – Arrangements in Milton Keynes Council: Update and Work Programme</b></p> <p>1. That the report be noted.</p> <p>2. That a short listing and interview panel be set up on a 1:1:1 Political basis and to include an Independent Member, for the recruitment of Parish Members to the Standards Committee.</p> <p>3. That the letter (as amended) to appoint co-opted Parish Council Members to the Standards Committee be approved.</p> <p>4. That the Work Programme be approved.</p> <p>5. That the Case Status table be noted.</p>	-	<p>Monitoring Officer &amp; Acting Assistant Director (Law &amp; Governance)</p> <p>&amp;</p> <p>Solicitor (Governance &amp; Employment)</p>

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8.	<p><b>Dispensations Update</b></p> <p>That the report and letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government be noted.</p>	-	<p>Monitoring Officer &amp; Acting Assistant Director (Law &amp; Governance) &amp; Solicitor (Governance &amp; Employment)</p>
9.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>To note the next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee is 25 April 2013 at 5.30pm.</p>	-	<p>Democratic Services Manager</p>