

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE DECISIONS

## 8 NOVEMBER 2012

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1.	<p><b>Election of Chair</b></p> <p>That Councillor Jury be elected Chair of the Standards Committee for the year 2012/13.</p>		Assistant Director of Law & Governance
2.	<p><b>Appointment of Vice-Chair</b></p> <p>That Councillor McKenzie be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the year 2012/13.</p>		Assistant Director of Law & Governance
4.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 30 August 2012, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.</p>	-	Clerk
8.	<p><b>Independent Persons Update</b></p> <p>1. That the report be noted.</p> <p>2. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to continue discussions on a Memorandum of Understanding with the other participating Authorities and the Independent Persons.</p> <p>3. That the Memorandum of Understanding be submitted to a meeting of the Standards Committee for consideration prior to its approval.</p>	Monitoring Officer & Assistant Director (Law & Governance)	Monitoring Officer & Assistant Director (Law & Governance)
9.	<p><b>Assessment of Complaints – Localism Act S28 Arrangements</b></p> <p>That arrangements for the initial assessment of complaints as outlined in Annex A be adopted.</p>		Monitoring Officer & Assistant Director (Law & Governance)

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10.	<p><b>Localism Act – Arrangements in Milton Keynes: Update &amp; Work Programme</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Work Programme be approved subject to the inclusion of appointment of Parish Councillors.</li> <li>2. That a Working Group be established to review the Code of Conduct.</li> <li>3. That Councillors Eastman and Jury, and a Labour Party representative be appointed to the Working Group, that should also include an Independent Person.</li> </ol>		Monitoring Officer & Assistant Director (Law & Governance)
11.	<p><b>Dispensations</b></p> <p>That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to grant dispensations on the basis that;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Monitoring Officer had regard to all relevant circumstances;</li> <li>2. The matter to be considered was, in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, urgent;</li> <li>3. The dispensation would only be granted for one meeting (on a specified date);</li> <li>4. The dispensation is granted on the grounds that the Monitoring Officer considers that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		Monitoring Officer & Assistant Director (Law & Governance)

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11. Cont'd.	<p><b>Dispensations</b></p> <p>(b) Without the dispensation each Member of the Authority's Executive would be prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the Authority's Executive.</p> <p>5. That where the Monitoring Officer has used his delegated powers to grant a dispensation a report on the use of the power be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the Standards Committee.</p>		Monitoring Officer & Assistant Director (Law & Governance)