
STANDARDS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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Item No.	Title
5	Report of the Monitoring Officer
	<p data-bbox="268 640 424 707">DECISION Resolved</p> <p data-bbox="268 748 1398 853">Review of standards arrangements: To RECOMMEND to Council to reaffirm the following recommendations to the new Council for consideration after May 2017:</p> <ol data-bbox="316 898 1422 1223" style="list-style-type: none">1. To support the option of amalgamating the Standards and Constitution Committees into a single committee;2. To recommend that the new combined committee should include co-opted members and that the political balance rules should be waived, as with the current Standards Committee.3. That the Committee should be able to appoint its own chairman from its elected members.4. That the Independent Person and the deputy Independent Person should be invited to attend meetings of the Committee in an advisory capacity. <p data-bbox="268 1263 1398 1406">Hearing Panel: Resolved that the Monitoring Officer would add further clarification to the Complaints against Elected Members Procedure to state that any complaints determined by the Hearing Panel by way of written representation would be held in confidential session.</p> <p data-bbox="268 1447 1023 1480">Member Induction and Code of Conduct Training:</p> <ol data-bbox="316 1520 1390 1928" style="list-style-type: none">1. Resolved to RECOMMEND to Council that all councillors should be requested to undertake Code of Conduct training and that all Group Leaders are asked to encourage their members to do so.2. Resolved to include the following in the induction training:<ul data-bbox="411 1704 1390 1928" style="list-style-type: none">• the use of case studies to illustrate Code of Conduct issues (but not recent, local cases)• to include 'perception of conduct' and potential impact on reputation in the 'Danger Zones' section of the training.• to include role descriptions and officer conduct as part of a rolling programme of training, as and when appropriate.