

**UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, 6 JUNE 2011**

MEMBERS:	Councillors *Egan, *Gibson, *Gorrie, McNamara, *Reece, *Stanton and *Whyte
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INDEPENDENT MEMBERS:	*Mr J Darbyshire, Ms R. Hatch, Ms A Loyd, *Mr P. Skinner, Ms A. Rabe, *Ms C. Sykes, and *Mr C. Watts.
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Apologies Ms Hatch, Ms Loyd and Ms Rabe

**MINUTE  
NO.**

**SUBJECT/DECISION**

<b>STCO01.</b>	<p><b>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011/12</b></p> <p>The Clerk to the Committee – Mr Hart advised the meeting that as this was the first meeting of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12 it was necessary to elect a Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2011/12. Mr Hart also advised the meeting that both the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair were filled by Independent Members of the Committee.</p> <p>Mr Hart sought nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Ms Carol Sykes nominated Mr Phillip Skinner as Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12.</p> <p>Mr James Darbyshire seconded the nomination.</p> <p>There being no further nominations it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That Mr Phillip Skinner be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12.</p> <p>In the absence of an elected Chair Mr Skinner took the Chair.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MR PHILLIP SKINNER IN THE CHAIR</b></p>
<b>STCO02.</b>	<p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011/12</b></p> <p>The Vice-Chair sought nominations for the position of Chair.</p> <p>Ms Carol Sykes nominated Ms Rachel Hatch as Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12.</p> <p>Mr Phillip Skinner seconded the nomination.</p> <p>There being no further nominations it was:</p>

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	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That Ms Rachel Hatch be appointed as Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12.</p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair took the Chair.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MR PHILLIP SKINNER IN THE CHAIR</b></p>
<b>STCO03.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>The Chair advised that apologies for absence had been received from Annabel Loyd due to a work commitment, and from Andrea Rabe due to being in Sydney, Australia on holiday.</p> <p>The Chair also gave apologies for absence from the newly elected Chair – Rachel Hatch who was currently on a maternity break due to the recent birth of her son. The Chair asked that the Committee’s congratulations and best wishes be passed to Ms Hatch.</p> <p>At this point the Chair will welcome Christopher Watts as newly serving Independent member of the Committee, and also Councillors Egan, Gorrie, Gibson, McNamara, Stanton, and Whyte as newly appointed Committee Members.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>STCO04.</b>	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of unrestricted or exempt items to be admitted as urgent business.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>STCO05.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>STCO06.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>Councillor Whyte advised that Councillor Williams had been in attendance at the unrestricted part of the meeting on 8 February 2011 and that his attendance should be marked.</p> <p>The Chair then MOVED and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>

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	<p>i. That the unrestricted minutes of the Standards Committee held on 8 February 2011 be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the proceedings, subject to an amendment showing that Councillor Williams had been in attendance; and</p> <p>ii. that the unrestricted minutes of the Standards Committee held on 28 February 2011 be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the proceedings.</p>
<b>STCO07.</b>	<p><b>CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>The Chair announced that Bernie Ryan had been appointed as Interim Acting Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, and that John Suddaby would continue to assist in these roles until the end of July 2011, when he then would be retiring from the Council. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr Suddaby for all his work and efforts to support the Committee since its establishment, and wished him well in the future.</p> <p>The Chair also advised that Ms Rachel Hatch was taking a maternity break and Ms Carol Sykes would continue as an Independent Member until 30 September 2011. The Chair commented that Ms Sykes had been due to end her term of office on 23 May 2011 – this term was extended at Full Council on 4 April 2011.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>STCO08.</b>	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11</b></p> <p>The Committee received a brief introduction of the circulated report from the Acting Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – Mr Ryan.</p> <p>Following this, a point of clarification was raised by Ms Sykes that the Review Sub-Committee had actually referred a complaint for investigation during the year and that the reference was incorrect.</p> <p>Mr Ryan responded that this was indeed the case and that the amendment was duly noted.</p> <p>There being no further points of clarification it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Annual report of the Standards Committee for 2010/11 be noted.</p>
<b>STCO09.</b>	<p><b>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Nil Items.</p>
<b>STCO10.</b>	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>

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	<p>That the press and public be excluded from the proceedings as Items 11 &amp; 12 contain exempt information as defined in paras 1 &amp; 2 of Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; namely information relating to any individual, and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and also in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 (regulation 5), and Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SUMMARY OF EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS</u></b></p>
<b>STCO11.</b>	<p><b>EXEMPT MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>AGREED</b> the Standards Committee minutes held on 8 February, and 28 February 2011.</p>
<b>STCO12.</b>	<p><b>COMPLAINTS UPDATE</b></p> <p><b>AGREED</b> to note the report.</p>
<b>STCO13.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</b> Nil Items.</p>
<b>STCO14.</b>	<p><b>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The Chair asked that the dates of the meetings of the Standards Committee for 2011/12 be noted as follows:</p> <p>6 October 2011 20 December 2011 23 February 2012 16 April 2012</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>

The meeting ended at 19.51hrs.

Phillip Skinner

Chair