
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 June 2012

Present:

Members of the Council

Councillors Turner, Inglis, Keogh, Laming and Vinson

Independent Members

Mr Brian Hooper (Chair), Mr David Blake, Mrs Elizabeth Hale and Mr Geoff Wilkinson

Apologies

Councillors Burke and Hannides

23. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Mr Brian Hooper be appointed Independent Chair of the Committee for the purposes of this meeting.

BRIAN HOOPER IN THE CHAIR

24. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the meeting on 16th April 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

25. **LOCALISM ACT 2011 - REVISED STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee considered the report of Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services detailing revised standards arrangements. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Committee recommend the revised Members Code of Conduct as set out at Appendix 1 for adoption by Council; and
- (ii) that after 6 months of the Code being in operation a further report be brought to the Committee for consideration.

26. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, DATA PROTECTION AND REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACTS: ANNUAL REVIEW 2011-12**

The Committee received and noted the report of Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services detailing annual statistical information for the financial year 2011-12 Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Regulation of Investigatory Powers Acts. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The Committee particularly noted the continuing, overall upward trend in the number of requests, their increasingly complexity and thus the increasing cost and demand on resources in dealing with them.

It was confirmed to the Committee that consideration was given to each response as to whether the repetition of the request could be avoided by increasing information available on the web site and this was a frequent consequence.