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## **The Essex County Council and Essex Fire Authority Joint Standards Committee**

**Date:** Thursday 22 September 2011  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1

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## **Agenda**

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## **Part I**

(Business to be taken in public)

### **Membership of the Committee**

#### **Appointed by Essex County Council**

##### **Independent Members:**

Mr A French (Chairman)

Mr D Farrow (Vice-Chairman)

Mr C Jackman

Mr Colin Booth

##### **Councillors:**

R Bass (Chairman of the Council,  
ex officio)

Mrs M Fisher

Mrs E Hart

M Mackrory

J Pike

C Pond

D Robinson

K Twitchen

Mrs M Webster

#### **Appointed by Essex Fire Authority**

##### **Independent Member:**

Mr M Goodswen

##### **Councillors:**

S McPherson (Thurrock Borough Council)

R Pearson (Essex County Council)

Fay Evans (Southend Borough Council)

### **1. Welcome**

The Chairman will welcome Terry Osborne, newly appointed Assistant Director for Corporate Law, to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

The Committee Officer to report the receipt (if any).

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

To note any Declarations of Interest made by Members of the Committee.

### **4. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2011.

### **5 Matters arising**

To note any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered by an item on this Agenda.

**6. Development of a Local Code of Conduct**

To consider a report (SC/009/11) by the Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

**7. Member Annual Statements**

To receive an oral update on the Member Annual Statements from the Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

**8. Ethical Governance Audit**

To receive an oral update from the Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

**9. Recent Complaints**

To receive an oral update on recent complaints.

**10. Dates of Future Meetings 2011/12**

The following dates have been reserved for this Committee:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Thursday, 20 October 2011	10.00 am	Committee Room 2
Thursday, 24 November 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 1
Thursday, 15 December 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 1
Tuesday, 24 January 2012	2.00 pm	Committee Room 1
Wednesday, 22 February 2012	10.00 am	Committee Room 1
Monday, 26 March 2012	10.00 am	Committee Room 1
Tuesday, 24 April 2012	10.00 am	Committee Room 1
Wednesday, 23 May 2012	10.00 am	Committee Room 1

Meetings will only be held if there is sufficient business to warrant it.

**11. Urgent Part I Business**

To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

**12. Exclusion of the Public**

To consider whether the public (including the press) should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (exclusion is recommended for the items set out in Part II below).

## **Part II**

(Business to be taken in private)

(At the time of preparation there are no items for discussion)

### **13. Urgent Part II Business**

To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.