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The Essex County Council and Essex Fire Authority Joint Standards Committee

Date: Wednesday 20 July 2011
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Room 1

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Agenda

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Part I

(Business to be taken in public)

1. Membership of the Committee

Members were appointed to serve on this 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)

2. Election of Chairman

Colin Ismay, Governance Manager will open the meeting by requesting nominees for an Independent Member Chairman to be elected.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman will request nominations for a Vice-Chairman.

4. Apologies

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

5. Declarations of Interest

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

6. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2011.

7 Matters arising

To note any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

8. Development of a Local Code of Conduct

To receive a report (SC/004/11) to update the Committee on the Government's Localism Bill and the Essex County Council view on the Localism Bill from Alex Hallam, Deputy County Solicitor.

9. Member Allowance Scheme

To receive an update report (SC/005/11) on the Member Allowance Scheme from matters relating to the future of the Standards Committee Regime from Colin Ismay, Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

10. Ethical Governance Audit

To receive a report (SC/006/11) on the Ethical Governance Audit from Colin Ismay, Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

11. Annual Report 2010/11

To note the Essex County Council and Essex Fire Authority Joint Standards Committee Annual Report 2010/11 (SC/007/11) which was presented to the Full Council meeting on 12 July 2011 from Anthony French, Independent Chairman and Colin Ismay, Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

12. Governances Issues

To receive a copy of the statement (SC/008/11) made by the Leader at the Full Council meeting on 12 July 2011.

13. Recent Complaints

To receive an oral update on the recent complaints from Alex Hallam, the Deputy County Solicitor.

14. Dates of Future Meetings 2011/12

The following dates have been reserved for this Committee:

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 22 September 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 2
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.

15. 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.

16. 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)

17. 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.