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The Essex County Council and Essex Fire Authority Joint Standards Committee

Date: Thursday 25 November 2010
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Room 2

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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 D Farrow
Mr A French
Mr C Jackman

Councillors:

R Bass (Chairman of the Council,
ex officio)
C Pond
Mrs M Fisher
M Mackrory
J Pike
D Robinson
K Twitchen
Vacancy
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. Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2010.

4. Matters arising

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

5. Members Code of Conduct

To receive a report (SC/018/10) by Colin Ismay, Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer, outlining ways to inform elected Members of issues relevant to the Code of Conduct.

6. Standards for England

To receive an oral report on the latest thinking by the Government on the future of the Standards regime by Alex Hallam, Deputy County Solicitor.

7. The Council's Code of Corporate Governance and Constitution

To receive an oral report from Colin Ismay, Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

8. Update on the Website and CMIS

To receive an oral from Colin Ismay, Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

9. Members Handbook

To receive the draft Handbook for Members from Colin Ismay, Head of Scrutiny and Lead Governance Officer.

10. Member Appointment Panels

To receive a report (SC/019/10) on Member involvement in Senior Manager Appointments by Alex Hallam, Deputy County Solicitor.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 16 December 2010 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 2.

12. 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.

13. 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)

14. 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.