

To: Councillors Taylor (Chair), Dryden, Hymans, McPherson, Colin Rosenstiel, Stebbings.

External members: Dr A Clark, Mr A Dasgupta

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 7 June 2006

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Committee Room 1, The Guildhall

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AGENDA

1 WELCOME EXTERNAL MEMBERS - CHAIR

To note that the Council appointed at its Annual Meeting on 25 May:

- Mr A Dasgupta as External Member (in place of Ms Louise Hobbs who stood down in May having been on the Committee since March 2002)
- Mrs K English and Mr M Williams as alternate members (ie. to attend any meeting for an absent External Member)
- Mr K Barrett as reserve member

A short biography of each new member (as circulated at Council) is given below.

Mr A Dasgupta

Cambridge resident for 30 yrs
Retired. [Previously Managing Director Philips Electronics (UK) Ltd (Car Systems)]
Cambridge Magistrate
Trustee, Headway (for people with brain damage)
Trustee/Director Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
East Anglian Ambulance Trust (Non Exec Director)

Mrs K English

Solicitor, Miller Sands, Regent Street (since 1990)
Previous employment in local government law
Licensed Lay Minister (Church of England)

Mr M Williams

Cambridge resident for 40 years
Solicitor
Council Member of the Law Society. Member, Civil Litigation Committee.
Chairman, Architects Registration Board Professional Conduct Committee

Mr K Barrett

Cambridge resident

Semi-retired
Trustee, Speaking Up (advocacy for people with disabilities)
Cambridgeshire County Council Social Services – Independent Complaints
Investigator

The Committee will need to consider the term of appointment of External Members during this year. It is anticipated that appointments would be based on a rolling year basis to avoid more than one External Member with experience standing down in any one year. An alternate member would fill the next External Member vacancy and the reserve would move to alternate member.

2 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2006.

3 **APOLOGIES**

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare at this stage any interests which they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. If any member is unsure whether or not they should declare an interest on a particular matter, they are requested to seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services before the meeting.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – see below for detail of the scheme and other public information.

6 **PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S COMPLAINT HANDLING PERFORMANCE 2005/06**

(Trevor Woolams, Senior Strategy Officer – 01223 457061)

7 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY**

(David Horspool, Director of Finance – 01223 458132)

8 **EXTERNAL MEMBER TRAINING**

External Members were invited to attend three induction events held recently and open to new members of the Council: Meet the Directors; The Council's Structure/Key Issues facing the Council (Chief Executive and Director of Finance); How Decisions are Made/Code of Conduct (Head of Legal & Democratic Services)

The new External Members will receive training over the coming months including the following:

- Member Development Programme 2006/07
- Option to attend the Standards Board for England annual conference in October: <http://www.annualassembly.co.uk/Programme/>
- The Head of Legal & Democratic Services on Code of Conduct
- Attendance at the Council's Corporate Induction (half day)

External Members will receive the Council Agenda. There will also be a need to ensure that appropriate training is offered to all members of the Committee.

- 9 **DATES OF MEETINGS 2006/07** – to note that these are scheduled to be held at 6pm on 1 November, 10 January and 7 March.

Information for the public

You are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer, although it may be necessary to ask you to leave the room during the discussion of matters which are described as confidential on the agenda.

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You can ask questions on an issue included on the agenda, or on an issue which is within this committee's powers. If you wish to ask a question related to an agenda item contact the committee officer (listed above under 'contact') **before the meeting starts**. If you wish to ask a question on a matter not included on this agenda, please contact the committee officer by 10.00am the working day before the meeting. Further details concerning the right to speak at committee can be obtained from the committee section.

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