

STANDARDS COMMITTEE8 January 2003
(6.00pm – 6.30pm)

PRESENT: Councillors Smart (Chair), Dryden, Overhill, Pinnington and Taylor. External Members Ms Hobbs and Mr Staveley (alternate external member).

FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

03/s/02 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 21 October 2002 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

03/s/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stuart and Dr Clark.

03/s/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

03/s/05 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

03s/06 PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

The Committee noted that although the questions from the Survey were worded differently to those of 2000, similar issues had been identified (as highlighted in the report). The Committee noted that although the Council undertook a higher than average level of public consultation across its services, public perceptions were that the Council did not take residents' views into account when making decisions.

The Committee asked to be provided with further information on the survey regarding contact with the Council on housing matters (the majority of public contact was made in this service area). In addition, the Committee asked whether the public differentiated between officers and Councillors in its dealings with the Council. Lastly, the Committee requested any information which had been collected on public perceptions of integrity by region or nationally.

Action by: Head of Strategy & Partnerships

The meeting ended at 6.30pm.

Chair