

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

9 April 2008  
(6.00pm – 6.15pm)

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ellis-Miller, McPherson, Pitt, J Rosenstiel, Taylor, Walker.  
External Member: Dr Clark, Mr Dasgupta  
Also present – External Members (alternate) Mr Williams, Mr Barrett

**FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****08/s/6 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

(Director of Customer and Democratic Services [the Council's Monitoring Officer] in the Chair.

The Committee noted that under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2006, the Standards Committee must appoint an independent (ie not a Councillor) as its Chair from 1 April. The four External Members had put the Council's External Members Dr Clark and Mr Dasgupta forward as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. As both positions were uncontested, there was no requirement for an election.

Cllrs Pitt and McPherson proposed and seconded Dr Clark as Chair and Mr Dasgupta as Vice Chair.

**Resolved –**

That Dr Clark and Mr Dasgupta be appointed Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Standards Committee.

**08/s/7 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**08/s/8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members were present.

**08/s/9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**08/s/10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**08/s/11 ORAL UPDATE ON REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL ASSESSMENT**

The Committee was advised that the Regulations and Guidance from Government and the Standards Board for England were expected in early May after the local government elections.

Training – Committee was advised of a training session on the new arrangements organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to which members were invited.

**08/s/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee agreed to meet on 11 June at 6pm. This would be reviewed if the Regulations referred to in 08/s/11 had not been published or officers had not had sufficient time to consider and report on them.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

**Chair**