



# Standards Committee

## Minutes - 1 May 2014

### Attendance

#### Members of the Standards Committee

Cllr Peter O'Neill  
Cllr Tersaim Singh  
Cllr Bert Turner (Chair)

Linda Banbury  
Keith Ireland  
Martyn Sargeant

Democratic Support Officer  
Strategic Director, Delivery  
Head of Democratic Services

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## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

*Item No.*    *Title*

1.        **Apologies For Absence**  
An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Andrew Wynne.
2.        **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.
3.        **Minutes of the previous meeting (6 March 2014)**  
Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2014 be approved as a correct record.
4.        **Matters Arising**  
There were no matters arising.
5.        **Amendments To The Constitution**  
Martyn Sargeant presented a report, which sought support for a number of changes to the Constitution for approval by the Annual Council meeting. The report had been considered by the Special Advisory Group on 24 April 2014 and had been agreed, subject to the following amendments:
  1. Filming protocol:  
Insertion of new section (viii) to read 'Where a recording is made that features a minor (under the age of 18), it is the recorder's responsibility to gain the permission of the appropriate parent/guardian, both for the initial recording and for any subsequent dissemination of it (e.g. on social media), and to ensure compliance with any prevailing legislation in relation to such activity.'

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE – SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP

Section 16.3 to read: 'The Special Advisory Group shall consider and advise the Council on elections and electoral arrangements, including boundary reviews, and polling districts, places and stations, where these are not the sole responsibility of the Returning Officer.

Section 16.4 to read: 'The Special Advisory Group will be consulted, and may offer feedback for consideration, on elections and electoral arrangements that are the sole responsibility of the Returning Officer.'

3. Appointment of Mayor will, in future, be based on seniority in terms of length of service. Those councillors who have already been Mayor will only be given a second opportunity to fulfil this role if no-one else wishes to do so.
4. Human Resources Appeals – New arrangements to be presented to Cabinet via Special Advisory Group.

The Committee was advised that consultation in regard to the review of polling places and stations was due to go live the following day. Councillor O'Neill suggested that it would be beneficial to look at the current arrangements in east Derbyshire as part of the consultation process.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to approve revisions to the Constitution, specifically:

- (1) To revise the petitions protocol.
- (2) To amend the Council procedure rules.
- (3) To reissue the recording and filming of meetings protocol, to include provisions in relation to social media.
- (4) To delegate responsibility to strategic directors for approval of overseas trips by employees, where there are no costs to the Council.
- (5) To move responsibility for most housing support services from Community directorate to Education and Enterprise.
- (6) To amend the delegations to the Audit Committee.
- (7) To remove reference to shadow chairs.
- (8) To change the arrangements for hearing human resources appeals.
- (9) To approve the inclusion of a new Planning Code of Conduct.
- (10) To change the mechanism for appointing to the office of Deputy Mayor and Mayor.
- (11) To amend the terms of reference for the Special Advisory Group.