

Update on Standards Arrangements in the new Wiltshire Council

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the new Wiltshire Council's Standards Committee, as recommended by the County Standards Committee following consultation with district and parish councils, were approved by WCC Full Council on 24 February in the context of adopting a new constitution for Wiltshire Council.

Membership

6 additional independent members (2 of County's existing independent members' terms of office will continue into the new council) and 8 town and parish councillors will take up their posts on 1 April 2009. These appointments were ratified by WCC Full Council on 24 Feb:

Independent Members

Mrs J Bayley
Mr M Cronin
Mr P Gill
Mr I McGill
Mr S Middleton
Mr G Robson

Town and Parish Councillors

Bill Bailey	-	Limpley Stoke PC
Alexander McCallum	-	Hankerton PC
David MacLaren-Webster	-	East Knoyle PC
Paul Neale	-	Wootton Rivers PC
Robert Oglesby	-	Semington PC
John Scragg	-	Chippenham TC
Pamela Turner	-	Hilperton PC
Keith Wallace	-	Marlborough TC

Annual Council in June 2009 will be asked to appointed 6 new elected members of the Council to its Standards Committee.

Training

Yamina Rhouati, Principal Democratic Services Officer at WCC, has arranged the following training dates for **members already appointed** to the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee:

18 March at County Hall

am - Training on Code of Conduct for Members
lunch

pm - attendance at WCC's Standards Committee
(new members who will not yet have taken up their positions can attend the meeting as observers to get a feel for how the committee operates).

19 March - venue: Devizes Town Hall

approx 10am - 4pm (with lunch break) Specific Standards Committee training.

Yamina can be contacted via the following:

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Existing cases

Having contacted each district's Monitoring Officer, Yamina has advised that there will probably be no unresolved cases to carry over to the new Wiltshire Council.

Meetings

The first meeting of Wiltshire Council's Standards Committee is scheduled for 8 July.

The next and final meeting of Wiltshire County Council's Standards Committee is scheduled for 18 March. The usual open invitation to District Standards Committee Members to attend applies and a weblink to the agenda will be circulated when available.