

THE ASSEMBLY

20 JULY 2011

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Title: Standards for Members of the Public (Volunteers) Undertaking Council Activities	For Decision
<p>Summary:</p> <p>At its last meeting on 16 June 2011, as part of its annual programme of work, the Standards Committee reviewed the Standards for Members of the Public (Volunteers) Undertaking Council Activities (the Standards) which are included in Part E (Codes and Protocols) of the Council's Constitution.</p> <p>The Standards were adopted by the Council as a set of principles that volunteers could reasonably be asked to respect.</p> <p>As a result of consultation with Chief Officers and Divisional Directors an amendment is proposed to the Standards clarifying the fact that the Council covers the costs of any Criminal Records Bureau checks, as set out in bold in paragraph 5 of the Standards attached to this report at Appendix A.</p> <p>Wards Affected: None</p>	
<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>The Assembly is recommended to agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the amendment to paragraph 5 of the Standards for Members of the Public (Volunteers) Undertaking Council Activities; and2. the associated changes to the Council Constitution to take immediate effect.	
<p>Reason:</p> <p>To ensure that the Standards continue to be a set of principles that volunteers could reasonably be asked to respect.</p>	
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Legal –The Local Government Act 2000 requires Council's to produce, maintain and regularly review the Constitution document which sets out the rules, codes, protocols and schemes by which the Council operates.</p>	

Financial – The cost of the CRB checks will be met through existing budgets.

Risk Management - Any delays in updating the Constitution puts at risk the normal function and business of the Council being conducted in an effective, efficient and lawful manner.

Social Inclusion and Diversity - None

Crime and Disorder – None

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

- Council Constitution
- Standards Committee Minute 3, 16 June 2011