

REPORT OF THE
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority
PART II

277. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

1. The Fire Authority at its meeting on 6 June 2012 appointed Councillor Royston Smith as Chairman until the annual meeting in 2013.
2. In considering the appointment of vice-chairmen, the Authority agreed an amendment to Standing Orders, to require that only one vice-chairman be appointed and Councillor Ian Beagley was appointed to the role until the annual meeting in 2013

278. LOCALISM ACT 2011 – CHANGES TO THE STANDARDS REGIME

1. The Authority received a report of the Clerk detailing the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 in relation to Standards. The report proposed changes to the Authority's Committee structure, a revised Code of Conduct for Members and new practice regarding disclosable interests to enable the Authority to meet the requirements of the legislation.
2. It was agreed that the new Code of Conduct for Members be adopted from 1 July 2012, that the Standards Committee and Governance Committee be replaced by a Standards and Governance Committee, with new terms of reference and that Standing Orders be amended to require a Member who has a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item of business to withdraw from any meeting of the Authority discussing that matter.
3. Authority was delegated to the Standards and Governance Committee to review arrangements for handling allegations of failure to comply with the Code of Conduct and to recommend relevant procedures to the Authority for approval. The Standards and Governance Committee was also given delegated power to oversee the process of recruitment of an independent person for the Authority.

279. SHIRLEY TOWERS INCIDENT – INVESTIGATION PROCESS

1. The Authority received a report explaining the position of the investigation into the Shirley Towers incident. The timing of the coroners inquest was detailed to Members, who were assured that they would be regularly be kept informed of proceedings.

COUNCILLOR KEITH CHAPMAN
On behalf of the Chairman of
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