RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2006/2007

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report relates to the summary of Members' attendances at meetings during 2006/07.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Standards Committee has previously agreed to receive a report each year summarising the attendance of Members at Committee meetings. A schedule setting out attendance at meetings during the 2006/07 Municipal Year is appended.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 When last receiving these statistics, the Standards Committee made the following observations:-
 - In overall terms, the level of attendance achieved by Members was commendable.
 - The statistics would not reflect levels of activity associated with Ward business or Parish Council business or any meetings associated with the large-scale voluntary transfer of housing process.
 - The attendance statistics were available for use by Group Leaders who could address any concerns as considered appropriate.
- 3.2 The agreed practice since 2002 is that the record of attendances be published in the Members' Bulletin, Rochford District Matters and on the Council's website and intranet. Since 2002 the Council's website has been receiving an increased volume of hits and there is always demand for space in Council publications. Given that the attendance statistics are also published publicly by virtue of being on the Standards Committee agenda, it would seem appropriate to discontinue inclusion in Rochford District Matters and the Members' Bulletin.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
 - (1) To receive the summary statistics.
 - (2) That the record of attendances be published in future on the Council's website and intranet.

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Background Papers:-

None

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