

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2005 / 2006

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report relates to the summary of Members' attendances at meetings during 2005/06.

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 2005/06 Municipal Year is appended.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The attendance summary has been formulated to take account of discussion at the Standards Committee on 8 November 2005 where concern was raised about the use of percentages in the compilation of the Committee attendance.
- 3.2 At this meeting it was also perceived that there would be merit in simplifying the attendance statistics and that in future only the number of meetings that it was possible for Members to attend and the actual number of meetings attended should be identified in the statistics.
- 3.3 It should be borne in mind when considering this data that attendance at meetings is not the only indicator of a Councillor's workload. The attendance figures do not take account of Member attendance at official engagements or at other fora, such as outside bodies.
- 3.4 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.
 - The attendance statistics were available for use by Group Leaders who could address any concerns as considered appropriate.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To receive the summary statistics.

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Background Papers:-

None

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