



Walsall Council

Standards Committee – 3 January 2008

ROLE OF COUNCILLORS

REPORT BY THE ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP

Summary of Report

An All Party Parliamentary Local Government Group was established in 2005 bringing together members of the House of Commons and House of Lords together to discuss local government issues, including local government powers, neighbourhood devolution, and local government finance.

In 2007, the Group established an inquiry into the role of councillors to put forward proposals to strengthen and make more effective the role of ward councillors. This report summarises that report and sets out its recommendations.

Recommendations

The standards committee recommended that

1. Note, following discussion the contents and recommendations of the report.
2. Request that group leaders bring the report to the attention of their members to facilitate a debate at a political level and request their members to contact the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services directly if they have any views on the 45 recommendations set out in the report.
3. request the Assistant Director for Legal and Constitutional Services to bring a further report to the committee providing the Council's position statement in relation to each of the recommendations.

Resource and Legal Implications

None arising from this report.

Citizen impact

None arising from this report.

Environmental impact

None arising from this report.