



# Standards Committee - Local Hearing Sub-Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

## Tuesday, 20th March 2007

In the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley

At 10.00 am



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**Chief Executive:** Donna Hall

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Dear Councillor/Colleague,

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE - LOCAL HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH 2007**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee - Local Hearing Sub-Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley on Tuesday, 20th March 2007 commencing at 10.00 am.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and Introductions by the Chairman**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members of the Committee are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, then the individual Member should not participate in a discussion on the matter and must withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision on the matter.

4. **Report into Alleged Breaches of the Code of Conduct (Pages 1 - 18)**

To consider and determine the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 by Andrew Docherty, Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services, Chorley Borough Council) into an allegation concerning Parish Councillor Richard Scambler and Parish Councillor Kathleen Berry (Wheelton Parish Council).

The pre-hearing process summary and the report of the Investigating Officer is enclosed. Some words have been omitted from the report of the Investigating Officer as exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1, 2, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

- a) **Findings of Fact**

To make the findings of fact.

- b) **Breach of the Code**

To determine whether there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct.

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c) Decision of the Committee

To confirm the decision of the Local Hearing Sub-Committee.

5. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1, 2, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

The deliberations of the Sub-Committee in reaching findings on the matter will be press and public excluded on ground 7C.

6. **Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent**

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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2. Agenda and reports to Councillor Thomas McGowan (Reserve Member) for attendance.
3. Agenda and reports to Peter Hassett (Principal Solicitor, Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council) and Ruth Hawes (Assistant Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.
4. Agenda and reports to Andrew Docherty (Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services), Kathleen Berry (Wheulton Parish Councillor) and Richard Scambler (Wheulton Parish Councillor) for attendance.

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