

Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Monday, 3rd September 2007

In Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley

At 10.00 am



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Dear Councillor/Colleague,

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2007

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley on Monday, 3rd September 2007 commencing at 10.00 am.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the interest arises **only** as result of your membership of another public body or one to which you have been appointed by the Council then you only need to declare it if you intend to speak.

If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision on the matter.

3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 14th June 2007 (enclosed).

4. **Request for dispensation from Members of Chorley Borough Council**

Members of Chorley Borough Council have made a request to the Standards Committee for a dispensation allowing participation in Council meetings at which matters relating to the concessionary travel scheme are discussed.

The Standards Committee will determine whether a dispensation is to be granted.

5. **Feedback from the Lancashire Standards Conference (Pages 3 - 10)**

Members of the Committee and officers will give an update from the Lancashire Standards Conference held on 9 July (feedback enclosed).

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6. **Update on adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct by Parish Councils**

The Monitoring Officer will update the Committee on the adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct by Parish Councils.

7. **Feedback from the training event for Parish Council clerks**

The Monitoring Officer will present feedback from the training session held for Parish Council clerks on 23 July.

8. **Appointment of reserve Parish Council Member**

To appoint Parish Councillor Alan Cornwell as the Parish Council reserve member. The Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils have nominated Parish Councillor Cornwell.

9. **Parish Councils - The way forward for Mentoring**

The Chair will lead a discussion on the way forward on mentoring Parish Councils.

10. **Database and Register of Independent Members of Standards Committees**

To consider a request from the Association of Independent Members of Standards Committees in England for details of Independent Members on the Chorley Standards Committee.

11. **Standards Committee Work Plan (Pages 11 - 12)**

The Committee will consider the draft work programme arising from the discussions at the last meeting of the Committee (enclosed).

12. **The number of any allegations referred to the Standards Board since the last meeting**

Verbal update from the Monitoring Officer.

13. **The number of any allegations referred back to the Monitoring Officer where there is no further action to be taken**

Verbal update from the Monitoring Officer.

14. **Brief resume of details regarding any allegations referred back to the Monitoring Officer where action is to be taken either by the Committee or matters being referred to the Adjudication Panel**

Verbal update from the Monitoring Officer.

15. **News from the Standards Board/Adjudication Panel**

Verbal update from the Monitoring Officer.

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

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

Distribution

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2. Agenda and reports to Andrew Docherty (Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)) and Ruth Hawes (Assistant Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.

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