

Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Friday, 30th November 2007

In Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley

At 10.00 am



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Dear Councillor/Colleague,

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2007

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley on Friday, 30th November 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 - 8)**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 3 September 2007 and 18 September 2007 (enclosed).

4. **Standards Committee and Parish Councils**

The Chair will update the Committee on the newly introduced contact link/liason between the Committee and individual Parish Councils in the Authority.

5. **Feedback from the Standards Conference**

The Chair will update the Committee on the recent Standards Board for England conference.

6. **Training DVD from the Standards Board for England**

The Committee will watch a training DVD recently produced by the Standards Board for England.

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7. **Mayoral Hospitality (Pages 9 - 10)**

The Committee will consider the report of the Corporate Director of Governance.

8. **Guidance to Members on Use of Resources (Pages 11 - 24)**

The Committee will consider the report of the Corporate Director of Governance.

9. **Local Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 25 - 54)**

The Committee will consider the enclosed report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation and Improvement) that was presented to the Audit Committee in September.

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

The Monitoring Officer will give a verbal update.

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

The Monitoring Officer will give a verbal update.

12. **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**

The Monitoring Officer will give a verbal update.

13. **News from the Standards Board/Adjudication Panel (Pages 55 - 56)**

The Committee will consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (enclosed).

14. **Work undertaken to promote the Code of Conduct**

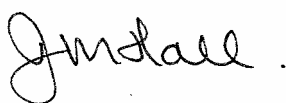
The Monitoring Officer will give a verbal update.

15. **Standards Committee Work Programme (Pages 57 - 58)**

The Committee will consider the work programme for 2007 / 2008 (enclosed).

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

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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2. Agenda and reports to Andrew Docherty (Director of Governance - Monitoring Officer), Carol Russell (Head of Democratic and Licensing Services) and Ruth Hawes (Assistant Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.
3. Agenda and reports to Alan Cornwell (Reserve Parish Council Member) for attendance.

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