



Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Friday, 8th February 2008

In Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley

At 10.00 am



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30 January 2008

Dear Councillor

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2008

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley on Friday, 8th February 2008 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 - 4)**

To confirm as a correct the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 30 November 2007 (enclosed).

4. **Consultation on Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England (Pages 5 - 46)**

To consider and give comments on the enclosed consultation paper from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The paper seeks views on the detailed arrangements for putting into effect the orders and regulations to provide a revised more locally-based ethical regime for the conduct of local councillors in England.

Particular questions to be considered are summarised at Annex A to the paper and comments are to be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government by Friday 15 February 2008.

5. **The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 - arrangements for Chorley** (Pages 47 - 50)

To consider the arrangements for Chorley arising from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

6. **Lancashire Standards Conference** (Pages 51 - 52)

To consider the enclosed invitation to the Lancashire Standards Conference.

7. **Feedback from visits to Parish Councils**

Members of the Committee will give feedback on their visits to Parish Councils.

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

11. **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 present a verbal update.

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

13. **Standards Committee Work Programme** (Pages 53 - 54)

The Committee will consider the Work Programme for 2008 (enclosed).

14. **Date of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting.

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

Yours sincerely

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3. Agenda and reports to Alan Cornwell (Reserve Parish Council Member) for attendance.
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