



Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Friday, 28th March 2008

In Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley

At 10.00 am



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Dear Councillor/Colleague,

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH 2008

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley on Friday, 28th March 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 - 6)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 8 February 2008 (enclosed).

4. **Update on the progress of the Regulations in relation to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007**

To receive an update from the Monitoring Officer on the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the implications for the Chorley Standards Committee.

5. **Update - Independent Members Forum**

To receive an update from the Chair on the recent meeting of the Independent Members Forum.

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

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

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update outlining work undertaken to promote the Code of Conduct since the last meeting.

8. **Standards Sub-Committee**

To set the date of the next Standards Sub-Committee.

9. **Guidance on Confidential Information (Pages 7 - 12)**

To consider the fact sheet published by the Standards Board for England (enclosed).

10. **Arrangements for newly elected Borough and Parish Councillors**

To consider arrangements for Borough and Parish Councillors newly elected in May 2008.

11. **Training exercise from the Standards Board for England**

To consider the training exercise drawn up by the Standards Board for England on local assessment of complaints and whether the training is appropriate for Chorley. Copies of the exercise will be available at the meeting.

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

13. **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.

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**

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

16. **Standards Committee Work Programme (Pages 13 - 14)**

The Committee will consider the Work Programme for 2008 (enclosed). A discussion will be led by the Chair on the Work Programme for the next Municipal Year.

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

Yours sincerely

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2. Agenda and reports to Andrew Docherty (Director of Governance - Monitoring Officer), Carol Russell (Head of Democratic 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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