

Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

**Thursday, 18th September
2008**

In Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley

At 2.00 pm



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5 September 2008

Dear Councillor/Colleague,

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2008

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 18th September 2008 commencing at 2.00 pm.

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 record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 5 June 2008 (enclosed).

4. **News from the Standards Board/Adjudication Panel (Pages 5 - 16)**

The report of the Monitoring Officer is enclosed.

5. **Feedback from visits to Parish Councils (Pages 17 - 18)**

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

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

7. **Recruitment of additional Standards Committee members**

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

8. **Whistle blowing policy (Pages 19 - 26)**

The report of the Monitoring Officer is enclosed.

9. **Standards Sub-Committee**

To appoint the Standards Sub-Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year and to confirm the date of the next meeting.

10. **Standards Board for England Guidance**

For Committee Members information enclosed in a separate file are the updated Standards Board for England Guidance relating to:

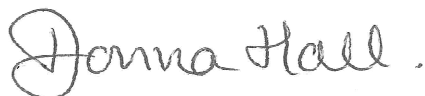
- The role and make-up of standards committees
- Local assessment of complaints
- Assessment & Review flowcharts
- Local investigations and other action
- Standards committee determinations

11. **Standards Committee Work Programme (Pages 27 - 28)**

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

12. **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 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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