



Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Thursday, 5th March 2009

In Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley

At 2.00 pm



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Dear Councillor/Colleague,

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH 2009

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 5th March 2009 commencing at 2.00 pm.

Please note that a Assessment Sub-Committee will be held on the rising of the Committee. The proposed membership is Tony Ellwood (Independent Member), Alan Cornwell (Parish Council representative) and Stella Walsh (Borough Councillor). This membership will be considered at Item 10 on the agenda below.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 11 December 2008 (enclosed).

3. **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.

4. **News from the Standards Board**

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

5. **Cases considered by the Adjudication Panel for England (Pages 5 - 18)**

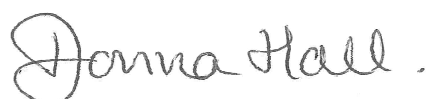
To receive and consider the report of the Monitoring Officer.

6. **Feedback from visits to Parish Councils (Pages 19 - 20)**

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

7. **Work undertaken to promote the Code of Conduct**
The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.
8. **Update on the recruitment of additional members of the Standards Committee**
The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.
9. **Draft Protocol on Parish Member-Employee Relations (Pages 21 - 26)**
To receive and consider the draft protocol
10. **Appointment of Sub-Committees**
To appoint any required Sub-Committees.
11. **Use of resources**
The Monitoring Officer will give a presentation on use of resources.
12. **Standards Committee draft Annual Report (Pages 27 - 32)**
To receive and consider the draft Annual Report for the Standards Committee and to determine it's publication date.
13. **Standards Committee Work Programme (Pages 33 - 34)**
The Committee will consider the Work Programme for 2008 (enclosed).
14. **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 (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.
3. Agenda and reports to Alan Cornwell (Reserve Parish Council Member) for attendance.

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