



Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Thursday, 5th June 2008

In the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley

At 2.00 pm



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27 May 2008

Dear Councillor/Colleague,

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 5TH JUNE 2008

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 5th June 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 28th March 2008 (enclosed).

4. **Update from the Lancashire Standards Conference (Pages 5 - 6)**

Members of the Committee and officers will report back from the Lancashire Standards Conference held in March. A report from the Monitoring Officer is enclosed.

5. **News from the Standards Board/Adjudication Panel (Pages 7 - 18)**

The report of the Monitoring Officer on the impact of the new Regulations is enclosed. The Committee will discuss the procedures and publicity requirements under the new regulations. The notice published on the Council's website is enclosed for information.

6. **Recruitment of additional Standards Committee members (Pages 19 - 20)**

An update report from the Monitoring Officer is enclosed.

7. **Reporting mechanism to the Standards Board for England**

To consider the information the Committee will have to submit to the Standards Board for England in a quarterly return. Officers will give a verbal update.

8. **Arrangements for the training exercise from the Standards Board for England on local assessment**

The Committee will undertake the Standards Board for England training exercise on local assessment on Monday, 9 June at 2.00pm in Committee Room 1. The session will last around three hours.

9. **Update on the Parish Council mentoring scheme**

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

The Committee will consider the allocation of new Standards Committee members to parishes.

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

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

11. **To establish a Parish Hearing Sub-Committee**

To establish a Parish Hearing Sub-Committee to consider a local investigation report.

12. **Members Mini websites (Pages 21 - 28)**

To consider the acceptable user policy for members mini websites.

13. **Standards Committee Work Programme (Pages 29 - 30)**

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

14. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

15. **Local investigation report (Pages 31 - 36)**

To consider the local investigation report SBE 20374.07 and determine action required.

16. **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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