



# Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

## Thursday, 18th June 2009

In Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley

At 2.00 pm



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Dear Councillor/Colleague,

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE 2009**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 18th June 2009 commencing at 2.00 pm.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair will welcome those Members new to the Committee and confirm appointments.

2. **Apologies for absence**

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

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 5 March 2009 (enclosed).

4. **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.

5. **News from the Standards Board (Pages 5 - 20)**

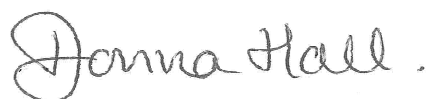
Recently issued guidance from the Standards Board for England is enclosed for discussion at the meeting.

6. **Annual return to the Standards Board for England (Pages 21 - 28)**

To consider the annual return to the Standards Board for England and to receive a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer on the current return.

7. **Cases considered by the Adjudication Panel for England (Pages 29 - 50)**  
To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer.
8. **The Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009 (Pages 51 - 54)**  
To receive and consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (enclosed).
9. **Parish Council mentoring (Pages 55 - 56)**  
The Committee will consider and allocate mentors to the 22 Parish Councils within Chorley for this municipal year. The mentors for last year are enclosed for reference.
10. **Work undertaken to promote the Code of Conduct**  
The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.
11. **Update on the recruitment of additional members of the Standards Committee**  
The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.
12. **Email, internet and telephone policy (Pages 57 - 68)**  
To receive views and comments on a draft email, internet and telephone policy (enclosed).
13. **Standards Committee Work Programme (Pages 69 - 70)**  
The Committee will discuss and set out the Work Programme for 2009/2010 (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), Alex Jackson (Senior Lawyer) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.
3. Agenda and reports to Alan Cornwell (Reserve Parish Council Member) for attendance.

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