

# Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

**Thursday, 10th December  
2009**

In Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley

At 2.00 pm



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1 December 2009

Dear Councillor/Colleague,

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2009**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 10th December 2009 commencing at 2.00 pm.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence**

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

To confirm as a correct record the enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 17 September 2009.

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. **DVD regarding Local Assessment of complaints and discussion regarding training**

Standards for England have produced a new training DVD regarding Local Assessment of Complaints. The Committee will watch the DVD as useful training for those Members who have not yet taken part in an Assessment Sub-Committee.

The Committee will also discuss training provision.

5. **News from Standards for England**

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update on any items of interest.

6. **Cases update (Pages 5 - 6)**

To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer and a verbal update on current local cases, if any.

7. **Feedback from visits to Parish Councils (Pages 7 - 8)**

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

8. **Bringing Standards into Focus 2009 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees (Pages 9 - 16)**

To consider the enclosed report of the Chair and Democratic and Member Services Officer.

To undertake the enclosed quiz "Putting the public in the picture - what does your authority's website say about standards?"

9. **Discussions regarding public awareness of the Standards Committee**

The Monitoring Officer will lead a discussion on public awareness of the Standards Committee.

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

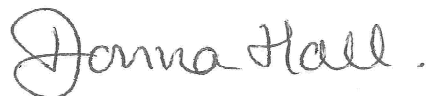
The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

11. **Standards Committee Work Programme (Pages 17 - 18)**

The Committee will consider the Work Programme for 2009 / 10 (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) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.

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