

Standards Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Thursday, 17th June 2010

In Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley At 2.00 pm



This page is intentionally left blank



Town Hall Market Street Chorley Lancashire PR7 1DP

10 June 2010

Dear Councillor/Colleague,

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE 2010

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley on <u>Thursday, 17th June 2010 commencing at 2.00 pm</u>.

Please note that the Chief Executive, Donna Hall has been invited to attend the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting, in particular new Committee Members.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 4 March 2010.

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 Standards for England

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

6. Cases update (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer outlining recent cases which had been considered nationally, the quarterly return to Standards for England and a verbal update on current local cases, if any (papers enclosed).

7. Annual Return to Standards for England (Pages 9 - 14)

To receive, for information, the enclosed Annual Return submitted to Standards for England.

8. Feedback from visits to Town and Parish Councils

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

9. Work undertaken to promote the Code of Conduct

The Monitoring Officer will present a verbal update.

10. Revised Standards for England Determinations Guidance (Pages 15 - 50)

To receive and consider the enclosed revised Standards for England Determinations Guidance (updated 11 March 2010)

11. Training issues

To discuss training issues for Members of the Committee and Town, Parish and Borough Councillors.

Members will review the training delivered to Committee Members by the Monitoring Officer on the local assessment of complaints and the general role of the Committee on 9 June 2010.

12. Appointment of Standards Sub-Committee

To confirm the membership of the Standards Sub-Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

The Sub-Committee will meet on 8 September 2010 and 24 February 2011 to monitor the financial and other interests declarations made by the Borough, Town and Parish Members within Chorley.

13. Standards Committee work programme (Pages 51 - 52)

The Committee will consider the enclosed work programme for 2010/11.

14. Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent

Yours sincerely

onna Hall.

Donna Hall Chief Executive

Dianne Scambler Democratic and Member Services Officer E-mail: dianne.scambler@chorley.gov.uk Tel: (01257) 515034 Fax: (01257) 515150

Distribution

- 1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Standards Committee (Tony Ellwood (Chair), Councillor Debra Platt (Vice Chair) and Councillors Judith Boothman, Marie Gray, Laura Lennox, Stella Walsh, Hugh Evans (Independent Member), Gwynne Furlong (Independent Member), Bill Mason (Parish Council representative) and Tony Wilson (Parish Council Representative) for attendance.
- 2. Agenda and reports to Chris Moister (Head of Governance / Monitoring Officer) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.

This information can be made available to you in larger print or on audio tape, or translated into your own language. Please telephone 01257 515118 to access this service.

આ માહિતીનો અનુવાદ આપની પોતાની ભાષામાં કરી શકાય છે. આ સેવા સરળતાથી મેળવવા માટે કૃપા કરી, આ નંબર પર ફોન કરો: 01257 515822

ان معلومات کاتر جمہ آ کچی اپنی زبان میں بھی کیا جا سکتا ہے۔ بیخد مت استعمال کرنے کیلئے ہر اہ مہر بانی اس نمبر پر ٹیلیفون

01257 515823