

Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 5 February 2009 at 1400 in Committee Room 3, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee –

Independent Members

Mrs P Essler (Chair), Mr G Dobson, The Very Revd Dr D J Ison, Mr M Shakeel

Parish and Town Council Members

Parish Councillors Bowen, Jay and Mitchell

Councillors

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Binney	Ferriby	Q Khan
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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of Constitution)

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it only becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial.

A personal interest is a prejudicial interest if it is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest.

Members must withdraw from the meeting if the interest is a prejudicial interest unless a dispensation has been obtained from the Standards Committee.

Members may not vote on a matter affecting the finances of the Council if they are in arrears with their Council Tax by more than two months.

Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Orders paragraph 44.

2. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2008 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated):

3. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Director or Head of Service whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

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(Tracey Sugden - 01274 434287)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

4. MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT ON COMPLAINTS

The Monitoring Officer will report to the meeting the receipt of any complaint notified direct to her or via the Standards Board for England, the stage that any notified complaint has reached and the final outcome on the consideration of a complaint.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 433696)

5. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

An updated copy of the Committee's work programme is appended to this agenda for Members' information.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

6. ETHICAL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Assistant Director Corporate Services (City Solicitor) will present a report (**Document ""I"**) inviting Standards Committee members to consider the Ethical Governance Inspection regime and specifically the key lines of enquiry for a Corporate Governance Inspection by the Audit Commission.

Recommended -

- (1) That the Standards Committee consider the Appendix to Document "I" and discuss and agree ways in which it can contribute to achieving the standards required.**
- (2) Reasons for the recommendation – to ensure there are appropriate and improving ethical governance arrangements within the Council.**

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

7. AUDIT COMMISSIONS COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The Assistant Director Corporate Services (City Solicitor) will present a report (**Document ""J"**) inviting Standards Committee members to consider issues arising from the outcome of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment undertaken in June 2008 specifically relating to Ethical Governance and the role of the Standards Committee.

Recommended -

- (1) That the Committee consider the Comprehensive Performance Assessment process and specifically how the Standards Committee can contribute to the areas for improvement identified in the June 2008 Assessment.**
- (2) Reason for recommendation – to ensure the Standards Committee meets its obligations in terms of the Ethical Governance arrangements of the Council.**

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

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