

Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 13 August 2009 at 1400 in Committee Room 1, 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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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 30 June 2009 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.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(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 to her, the stage that any notified complaint has reached and the final outcome on the consideration of complaints, where appropriate.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

5. WEST YORKSHIRE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Members of the Committee who attended the West Yorkshire Regional Conference held in City Hall, Bradford on Thursday 9 July 2009 are invited to comment on the event.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

6. OTHER ACTION – GUIDANCE FROM STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND

The Assistant Director Corporate Services (City Solicitor) will present a report (**Document “A”**) in which Standards Committee Members are asked to consider the guidance issued by Standards for England entitled “Other Action” and to consider how the outcome of other action is to be reported.

Recommended –

- (1) That the Standards Committee considers the contents of the report and the guidance from Standards for England and notes the information relating to “other action”.**
- (2) That Standards Committee considers how it would wish to receive the Monitoring Officer’s report setting out the outcome of any “other action” direction.**

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

7. STANDARDS COMMITTEE (FURTHER PROVISIONS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2009

Document “B” outlines the implications in relation to the introduction of the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009 in relation to the power of the Standards Board for England to suspend the initial assessment functions of the Standards Committee, for the establishment by relevant authorities of joint Standards Committees and in relation to the powers of the Standards Committee to grant dispensations..

Recommended –

That the Standards Committee considers the information provided in this report and notes the changes imposed by the 2009 Regulations.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

8. NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICITY PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS

The Committee is asked to consider **Document “C”** to which is appended a briefing note setting out a summary of the procedures which apply to the disclosure of information about complaints.

Recommended –

That the Standards Committee considers the appendix attached to Document “C” and discusses any issues arising out of it.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

9. RECENT DECISIONS OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND

The Assistant Director Corporate Services (City Solicitor) will present a report (**Document “D”**) which outlines summaries of the recent decisions made by the Adjudication Panel for England regarding allegations of misconduct against members.

Recommended –

That Standards Committee Members consider the information contained in this report in the context of their responsibilities for local investigation of complaints into conduct by members.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

10. 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)

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