

Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Wednesday 28 October 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

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
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Owens	Lee	
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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 meetings held on 13 August and 10 September 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 complaints have reached and the final outcome on the consideration of complaints, where appropriate.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

5. CRITERIA FOR REFERRAL BY THE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE FOR OTHER ACTION

The Monitoring Officer will present a report (**Document "G"**) in which Members are invited to consider updated guidance to the Assessment Sub-Committee which includes more details of the criteria to be used when considering a referral for other action.

Recommended –

Standards Committee Members are asked to consider the guidance note attached as appendix 1 to Document "G" and comment on its contents.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

6. ENGAGING WITH PARISH COUNCILS

Document "H" sets out the constitutional role of the Standards Committee in respect of Parish Councils and requests that Members consider how the Committee engages with Parish Councils in order to properly undertake that role.

Recommended –

That the Standards Committee consider the relationship with the Parish Councils and agree actions to improve how it engages with Parish Councils on a more proactive and consistent basis.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

7. WEST YORKSHIRE REGIONAL STANDARDS CONFERENCE

The Committee is asked to consider **Document "I"** which sets out proposals for a second West Yorkshire Regional Conference.

Recommended –

- (1) That Standards Committee consider the proposals for a second West Yorkshire Regional Standards Conference and indicate any proposals they would wish incorporated into the event.**
- (2) That the Monitoring Officer report the Standards Committee preferences to the meeting of the West Yorkshire Chairs and Vice Chairs for their consideration.**

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

8. FEEDBACK FROM THE EIGHTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

Members are reminded that the eighth National Assembly of Standards Committees took place on 12 and 13 October 2009 in Birmingham.

Members who were delegates at the assembly are invited to give feedback to the Committee.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

9. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND DECISIONS

The Monitoring Officer will present a report (**Document “J”**) in which Members are invited to consider summaries of 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 432496)

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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