

Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 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
Binney	Ferriby	Middleton
Owens	Lee	
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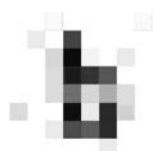


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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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 3 December 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.

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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 to her, the stage that complaints have reached and the final outcome on the consideration of a complaint, where appropriate.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

5. PROTOCOL ON MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS

The Committee is invited to consider **Document M** which contains the Protocol on Member/Officer relations and discuss a review of the Protocol.

Recommended -

- (1) That the Standards Committee consider the Protocol of Member/Officer Relations contained in Document M and discuss how a review should be undertaken.**
- (2) That a further report be submitted to the Standards Committee on completion of the review with proposed amendments to the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations**

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

6. LOCAL ASSESMENT OF COMPLAINTS - "SETTING THE BAR"

The Committee is invited to discuss the Local Assessment Procedure in the context of allegations of minor misconduct.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

7. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND DECISIONS

The Committee is invited to consider **Document "N"** which contains 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 Document "N" in the context of their responsibilities for local investigation of complaints into conduct by members.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

8. 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)

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Panel is asked to consider whether the item relating to an investigation under S59 Local Government Act 2000 by Standards for England into an allegation concerning Councillor B M Smith should be considered in the absence of the public and, if so, to approve the following recommendation:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item relating to an investigation under S59 Local Government Act 2000 by Standards for England into an allegation concerning Councillor B M Smith on the grounds that if they were present, exempt information within Paragraphs 1 (Information relating to an individual) 2 (information identifying an individual) and 3(financial or business affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed.”

10. REPORT OF AN INVESTIGATION UNDER S59 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 BY STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND INTO AN ALLEGATION CONCERNING COUNCILLOR BRIAN MARTIN SMITH.

Standards for England have requested that the Standards Committee be brought their report to assist them in discharge of their functions.

The report of the Assistant Director Corporate Services (City Solicitor) (**Document “O”**) contains at Appendix 1, Case Summary SBE-06997-NNQOS and at Not for Publication Appendix 2 - Standards for England report of investigation SBE-06997-NNQOS.

Recommended -

That the Standards Committee consider the Not For Publication report attached as appendix 2 to Document “O” and discuss the issues arising out of the investigation in the context of the Standards Committee functions.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 433696)

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