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Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 2 June 2011 at 1400 in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee -

Independent Members

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

Parish and Town Council Members

Parish Councillors Bowen, Mitchell and Thompson

Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Binney	Ferriby	G Reid
Kelly	Lee	
D Smith	A Thornton	

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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.

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(Tracey Sugden - 01274 434287)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

3. APPOINTMENT OF HEARINGS PANELS

The Committee is advised that the Constitution requires it to appoint the following Sub-Committees:-

- i) Assessment Sub-Committee
- ii) Review Sub-Committee
- iii) Consideration Sub-Committee
- iv) Determination Sub-Committee

The Panels are required to hear and determine allegations of breach of the relevant code(s) of conduct by Members of Council and of Parish and Town Councils respectively.

Recommended –

That the Assessment, Review, Consideration and Determination Sub-Committees be appointed with memberships and role and functions as contained in the Constitution and subject to the Rules of Procedure contained in Part 3 of the Constitution adopted by Annual Council on 24 May 2011.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 432496)

4. MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Previous reference: Minute 49 (2010/11)

Members are reminded that following discussions on the Members' Register of Interest form at the meeting on 17 May 2011 it was agreed that the issue be the subject of further discussion at the next meeting.

The views of Members are requested.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 432496)

5. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

A copy of the Committee's draft work programme will be provided at the meeting for Members' information and discussion.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

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