

## Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Wednesday 20 June 2012 at 1400 in Committee Room 5, City Hall, Bradford

### Members of the Committee –

#### Independent Members

Mr G Dobson, Mrs A Mullen and Mr M Shakeel

#### Parish and Town Council Members

Parish Councillors Bowen and Thompson

#### Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Binney	Ferriby	G Reid
Kelly	Javed	
	Smithies	
	Thirkill	

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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 –**

- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2012 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**
- (2) That the minutes of the meeting of the Determination Sub-Committee held on 28 July/23 November 2011 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**
- (3) That the minutes of the meeting of the Consideration Sub-Committee held on 22 March 2012 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

### **3. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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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 Sub-Committees 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 22 May 2012.**

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 432496)

### **4. FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS REGIME**

Previous Reference: Minute 25 (2011/12)

Following on from the discussion at the last meeting of the Committee, the City Solicitor will present a report (**Document “A” – to follow**) which considers the future of the Standards Committee arising from the changes set out in the Localism Act 2011.

(Suzan Hemingway – 01274 432496)

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