

AGENDA

Meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
Place: **Committee Room III, County Hall, Trowbridge**
Date: **Wednesday 21 July 2010**
Time: **2.00 pm**

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Membership:

Wiltshire Council Members

Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Malcolm Hewson, Cllr Julian Johnson and Cllr Ian McLennan

Town/Parish Council Co-opted Members

Mr William Bailey, Mr Craig McCallum, Mr Paul Neale, Mr Robert Oglesby JP, Mr John Scragg, Miss Pam Turner, Mr Keith Wallace and His Hon David MacLaren Webster QC

Independent Co-opted Members

Mrs Jane Bayley, Mr Michael Cronin, Mr Philip Gill MBE JP, Mrs Isabel McCord (Chairman), Mr Ian McGill CBE, Mr Stuart Middleton and Mr Gerry Robson OBE (Vice-Chair)

Part 1

Items to be considered when the meeting is open to the public

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (*Pages 1 - 8*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19 May 2010 (copy attached).

3. **Chairman's announcements**

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests.

5. **Public participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. The Chairman will, however, exercise her discretion in order to ensure that members of the public have the opportunity to contribute.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question should give written notice (including details of any question) to the officer named above by **12.00 noon on Monday 19th July 2010**.

6. **Minutes of sub-committees** (*Pages 9 - 18*)

The Committee is asked to receive and note the minutes of the following Sub-Committees:

Dispensations Sub Committee – 11 May 2010 and 17 June 2010

7. **Update on Town and Parish Council Training Sessions**

To receive a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer

8. **Arrangements for Mediation** (*Pages 19 - 20*)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer

9. **Report of the Task and Finish Group on Presentations to Area Boards**

To receive a verbal update from Mr Gerry Robson, OBE

10. **Annual Governance Statement 2009 -10** (*Pages 21 - 46*)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer

11. **Code of Conduct Complaints Status Report** (*Pages 47 - 50*)

To receive the attached status report

12. **Forward Plan** (*Pages 51 - 52*)

The committee's forward plan is attached

13. **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business, which in the opinion of the Chairman, should be taken as a matter of urgency. Urgent items of a confidential nature may be considered under Part II of this agenda.

14. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider passing the following resolution:

To agree that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Item Number 4 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

Part II

Item during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

15. **Code of Conduct Determination Hearing** (*Pages 53 - 66*)

To consider a confidential report by the Monitoring Officer