

AGENDA

Meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
Place: **Committee Room III, County Hall, Trowbridge**
Date: **Wednesday 12 January 2011**
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 Stuart Middleton and Mr Gerry Robson OBE (Vice Chairman)

Part 1

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

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24 November 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 **5pm on Wednesday 5 January 2011**.

6. **Minutes of Sub Committees** (*Pages 7 - 8*)

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

Dispensations Sub Committee – 16 November 2010

7. **Localism Bill - Proposed Changes to the Standards Regime** (*Pages 9 - 34*)

To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer

8. **Annual Audit Letter 2009/10** (*Pages 35 - 50*)

The Annual Audit Letter is attached.

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

To receive a verbal update from Mr Gerry Robson OBE

10. **Status Report on Complaints made under the Code of Conduct** (*Pages 51 - 54*)

To receive attached status report.

11. **Feedback on the use of detailing findings of fact in investigation reports**

To receive a verbal update from the Head of Governance

12. **Review of Allowance for Standards Committee Members** (*Pages 55 - 56*)

To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer

13. **Forward Plan** (*Pages 57 - 58*)

To receive the committee's forward plan

14. **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.

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

None