

AGENDA

Meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
Place: **Council Chamber - Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge
BA14 0RD**
Date: **Wednesday 18 May 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. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for the 2011/12 municipal year.

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

To elect a Vice-Chairman for the 2011/12 municipal year.

3. **Apologies**

4. **Minutes of previous meeting** (*Pages 1 - 4*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9 March 2011 (copy attached).

5. **Chairman's announcements**

6. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests.

7. **Public Participation and Questions from Committee Members.**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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. Please contact the officer named on the front of the agenda for any further clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution. Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the front of the agenda (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) no later than 5pm on Wednesday 11 May 2011. Please contact the officer named on the front of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

8. **Re-Appointment Of Sub-Committees and Focus Group** *(Pages 5 - 8)*

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer

9. **Standards Committee Plan and Business Plan**

Report of the Monitoring Officer to follow

10. **Dispensations Applications** *(Pages 9 - 20)*

To consider the report of the Head of Governance

11. **Status Report on Complaints made under the Code of Conduct** *(Pages 21 - 26)*

To consider the report of the Head of Governance

12. **Outcome of the Standards Committee Workshop on the Localism Bill**

To receive a verbal report

13. **Forward Plan** *(Pages 27 - 28)*

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.

15. **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 15 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 7c 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

16. **Outcome of Standards Consideration Sub-Committee** (*Pages 29 - 36*)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer