

AGENDA

Meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
Place: **Council Chamber - Council Offices, Monkton Park,
Chippenham, SN15 1ER**
Date: **Wednesday 2 May 2012**
Time: **2.00 pm**

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Membership:

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Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Howard Marshall 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 - 4*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 7 March 2012 (copy attached).

3. **Chairman's announcements**

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests.

5. **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 no later than 5pm on Wednesday 25 April 2012. 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.

6. **Revised Planning Code of Good Practice for Members of Wiltshire Council**
(*Pages 5 - 16*)

To consider the revised Code and the recommendations of the Focus Group on the Review of the Constitution.

7. **Review of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements**

To consider the report of the Scrutiny Manager (designated Scrutiny Officer). (*to follow*)

8. **New Standards Framework**

To consider a draft Code of Conduct drawn up by the Standards Task and Finish Group. *(to follow)*

9. **Standards Committee Annual report (Pages 17 - 28)**

To consider the final version of the Annual report

10. **Annual report on dispensations granted.**

To consider the report of the Head of Governance *(to follow)*.

11. **Outcome of Standards Hearing Sub-Committee (Pages 29 - 38)**

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer.

12. **Outcome of Two Standards Consideration Sub Committees (Pages 39 - 50)**

To consider reports of the Monitoring Officer.

13. **Status Report on Complaints made under the Code of Conduct (Pages 51 - 58)**

To consider the Status Report on Complaints.

14. **Forward Plan (Pages 59 - 60)**

To consider the Forward Work Plan.

15. **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