

AGENDA

Meeting: Standards Committee
Place: Salisbury Room - County Hall, Trowbridge
Date: Wednesday 21 January 2015
Time: 2.00 pm
Chairman's Briefing 1.00pm

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Membership:

Cllr Julian Johnson (Chairman)	Cllr Sheila Parker
Cllr John Noeken (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Paul Oatway QPM
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr Horace Prickett
Cllr Rosemary Brown	Cllr Desna Allen
Cllr Howard Greenman	Cllr Terry Chivers
Cllr Allison Bucknell	

Substitutes:

Cllr George Jeans	Cllr John Smale
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Jerry Wickham
Cllr Dennis Drewett	Cllr Magnus Macdonald
Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Bob Jones MBE
Cllr Pip Ridout	Cllr Ian Thorn
Cllr Glenis Ansell	

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mr Philip Gill MBE JP
Mr Paul Neale
Mr John Scragg
Miss Pam Turner

Part 1

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

1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2014.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chairman.

5 **Public Participation and Questions**

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 14 January 2015*. 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 **Review of the Effectiveness of the Code of Conduct for Members Update**
(Pages 7 - 62)

To receive an update from the Monitoring Officer.

7 **Complaints under the Council's Complaints Procedures and the Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Review Letter 2014** (Pages 63 - 142)

To receive an overview of the Council's complaints service and comments on the annual reports provided by the Council's Customer Complaints Manager and the Local Government Ombudsman's (LGO) Annual Review Letter 2014.

8 **Recommendations from the Constitution Focus Group** (Pages 143 - 148)

To consider proposed recommendations from the Constitution Focus Group.

9 **Forward Plan** (Pages 149 - 150)

To consider the proposed Forward Work Programme and confirm the date of the next meeting as 21 April 2015.

10 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

11 **Exclusion of 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 10 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.

Paragraph 1 - information relating to an individual

Part II

Item(s) during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

12 **Standards Review Sub-Committee Minutes** (Pages 151 - 154)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Review Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 December 2014.