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AGENDA

Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5, County Hall
Date: Wednesday 18 April 2007
Time: 2.30pm

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Membership:

County Councillors

Mr M Hewson
Mrs P Rugg

Independent Co-opted Members

Mr P Lefever
Mr P McGuigan (Chairman)
Mr K Shipman
Ms C O'Sullivan (Vice Chairman)

PART I

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

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 24 January 2007 (copy attached).
3. **Chairman's Announcements**
4. **Members' Interests** To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.
5. **Public Participation** The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public. This meeting is open to members of the public who may ask a question or make a statement. Written notice of questions or statements should be given to the officer named above by 12.00 noon on Monday 16 April 2007. Speakers are limited to two minutes.
6. **Review of Arrangements for involvement of Non-Executive Members in the Decision Making Process** A report by the Monitoring Officer is circulated.
7. **Revised Members' Code of Conduct** A copy of the Council's response to the consultation document and the views of the Final Accounts and Audit Committee are attached.
8. **Audit Commission: Annual Audit and Inspection Letter** To consider and express any observations relating to standards, conduct and probity
9. **Complaints BPR** To receive a verbal progress report from the Corporate Standards Manager
10. **Ethical Governance Improvement Project** To receive a progress report by the Corporate Standards Manager
11. **Independent Members of the Standards Committee** To receive a report from the Corporate Standards Manager inviting the Committee to review the person specification for Independent Members.
12. **Digest of Adjudication Panel Cases** Report by the Corporate Standards Manager is circulated for information.
13. **Freedom Of Information Act – Implementation Update** For the Committee's information, to receive a report previously considered by the Corporate Management Board. The proposals contained therein were adopted.

14. **Urgent Items** Any items of business which the Chairman wishes to consider as a matter of urgency.

15. **Exclusion of the Public** To consider passing the following resolution:

“To agree that in accordance with Section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in item no. 16 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 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 A 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. **Whistleblowing Investigations – 6 month Update** Confidential report by the Corporate Standards Manager is circulated.