



AGENDA

Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5, County Hall
Date: Wednesday 3 October 2007
Time: 2.30pm

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Membership:

County Councillors

Mr M Hewson
Mrs P Rugg
Mrs M White

Independent Co-opted Members

Ms C O'Sullivan (Chairman)
Mr P Lefever (Vice-Chairman)
Mr K Shipman
Mrs I McCord
Mr P McGuigan
Mrs Liptrot

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 4 July 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 1 October 2007. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

6. **Person Specification – Independent Members of the Standards Committee**

Report by the Monitoring Officer is circulated.

7. **Complaints BPR**

The Corporate Standards Manager will give a verbal report.

8. **Local Government Ombudsman – Annual Letter**

To consider the Annual Letter of the Local Government Ombudsman for the period 2006/07 together with the Council's response (copies attached).

9. **Local Determination**

The Chairman will initiate a discussion on the Local Determination Hearing some of the Members attended in July and draw out lessons to be learnt for any local determinations this Committee may be called upon to determine.

10. **The Bulletin No. 35**

To receive the attached Bulletin No. 35 dated September 2007 from the Standards Board.

11. **The Committee's Work Plan**

The Committee will be invited to consider drawing up its work plan – details attached.

12. **Urgent Items**

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

**Standards Board for England DVD on the Code of Conduct:
'The Code Uncovered'**

For the Committee's information and guidance, the above mentioned DVD will be shown at the end of the meeting. It has been produced as a training aid for local authorities. It uses a dramatised scenario to illustrate the lead up to a potentially explosive planning committee meeting and highlights the key changes to the revised Code of Conduct. The programme examines the rules about declaring interests, disclosing confidential information and bullying.

(duration 32 minutes)