

# AGENDA

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Meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
Place: **County Hall, Trowbridge**  
Committee Room: **5**  
Date: **Wednesday 21 January 2009**  
Time: **2.30pm**

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## **Membership:**

### County Councillors

Mr M Hewson  
Mrs P Rugg  
Mrs M White  
Mr E Clark

### Independent Co-opted Members

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

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## **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 Committee meeting held on 10 November 2008 (copy attached).

3. **Chairman's Announcements**

4. **Members' Interests**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests.

5. **Public Participation**

The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public and has agreed to set aside 15 minutes at the beginning of meetings for questions or statements. Members of the public wishing to ask a question or make a statement should give written notice (including details of any question or statement) to the officer named above by **12.00 noon on Monday 19 January 2009**. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

6. **Training – Standards Committee**

Officers will give an oral report on arrangements for training for the new Committee.

7. **Strengthening Links with Town and Parish Councils**

The Corporate Standards Manager will give an oral report.

8. **Constitution for Wiltshire Council – Progress Report**

Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is circulated.

9. **Communications**

The Corporate Standards Manager will initiate a discussion on ways to promote and publicise the role and functions of the Committee.

10. **Bulletin No. 41**

To receive the attached Bulletin from the Standards Board for England dated December 2008.

11 **Towards One Council**

Members may access agenda and reports of the Implementation Executive on the following link which will provide details of progress being made on working towards one Council:

<http://194.72.162.210/documents/dscgi/ds.py/View/Collection-1477>

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

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 18 March 2009 which will be the final meeting before vesting day on 1 April 2009.

Items suggested for the March meeting are as follows:

- Assurance Framework
- Code of Corporate Governance
- Annual Governance
- Members' Induction Plan
- Handover from District Councils – outstanding complaints

The Committee's views are sought on any other items of business for the March meeting.

13. **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**

**Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed**

None