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AGENDA

Meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
Place: **County Hall, Trowbridge**
Committee Room: **5**
Date: **Wednesday 18 March 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

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

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 21 January 2009 (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 16 March 2009**. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

6. **Appointment of Independent Members and Town and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee**

Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

7. **Transitional Regulations Relating to Members' Conduct**

Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

8. **Draft Code of Corporate Governance and Annual Governance Statement**

Report by Dr Carlton Brand, Director of Resources

9. **Constitution for Wiltshire Council - Update**

Council at its meeting on 24 February 2009 adopted the constitution for Wiltshire Council. For the Committee's information the report considered by Council in respect of the constitution is attached.

10. **Members' Induction Plan**

The Members' Induction Plan was approved by the Implementation Executive on 26 February 2009. For the Committee's information, attached is an extract of Plan relating to training being provided on ethical governance issues. A copy of the full Induction Plan is available on request.

11. **Draft Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2008/09**

A copy of the draft Annual Report is circulated for members of the Committee only for the Committee's approval prior to publication.

The outcome of this meeting will be incorporated in the Annual Report and agreed with the Chairman prior to publication.

12. **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>

13. **Bulletin No. 42**

To receive the attached Bulletin from the Standards Board for England dated

14. **Committee's Work Plan 2009/10**

The Committee is asked to review the attached work plan and agree the dates of future meetings.

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

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

None