

## AGENDA

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Meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
Place: **Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU**  
Date: **Wednesday 20 July 2011**  
Time: **2.00 pm**

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### **Membership:**

#### Wiltshire Council Members

Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Howard Marshall and Cllr Ian McLennan

#### Town/Parish Council Co-opted Members

Mr William Bailey, Mr Craig McCallum, Mr Paul Neale, Mr Robert Oglesby JP, Mr John Scragg, Miss Pam Turner, Mr Keith Wallace and His Hon David MacLaren Webster QC

#### Independent Co-opted Members

Mrs Jane Bayley, Mr Michael Cronin, Mr Philip Gill MBE JP, Mrs Isabel McCord (Chairman), Mr Stuart Middleton and Mr Gerry Robson OBE (Vice Chairman)

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## Part 1

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

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 May 2011 (copy attached).

3. **Chairman's announcements**

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests.

5. **Public Participation and Questions from Committee Members.**

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 (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) no later than 5pm on Wednesday 13 July 2011. 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. **Minutes of Sub-Committees** (*Pages 7 - 10*)

The Committee is asked to receive and note the minutes of the following Sub-Committee:

Dispensations Sub Committee – 13 May 2011

7. **Annual Governance Statement** (*Pages 11 - 36*)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer

8. **Status Report on Complaints made under the Code of Conduct** (*Pages 37 - 40*)

To consider the report of the Head of Governance

9. **Outcome of Standards Hearing Sub Committee** (*Pages 41 - 48*)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer

10. **Politically Restricted Posts - Applications for Exemption** (*Pages 49 - 60*)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer

11. **Views from focus group on future standards regime** (*Pages 61 - 70*)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer

12. **Wiltshire Council Website - Town and Parish Council information** (*Pages 71 - 74*)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer

13. **Parish Development Work**

To receive a verbal report from Mr Philip Gill MBE JP

14. **Forward Plan** (*Pages 75 - 76*)

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.

16. **Exclusion of the Press and 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 17 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 7(c) 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.

## **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**

17. **Outcome of Standards Hearing Sub Committees** (*Pages 77 - 104*)

Confidential reports of the Monitoring Officer are attached