



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2011, AT 6.00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Independent Members: Mr. N. A. Burke (Chairman), Ms. K. J. Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) and Mrs. G. Bell
Councillors: Miss D. H. Campbell JP, Mrs. A. E. Doyle and E. C. Tibby
Parish Councils' Representatives: Mr. J. Cypher (Alvechurch Parish Council) and Mr. I. A. Hodgetts (Romsley Parish Council)

Observer: Ms. S. H. Malek (Non-voting Deputy Parish Councils' Representative)

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 17th December 2010 (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Monitoring Officer's Report (Pages 5 - 12)

[To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer on any matters of relevance to the Committee.]
5. Parish Councils' Representatives' Report

[To receive an oral report from the Parish Councils' Representatives on any matters of relevance to the Committee, and to include an update on any recent meeting(s) of the Bromsgrove Area Committee of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils (CALC).]

6. Publications

[Attention is drawn to the publications detailed below which the Committee may find of interest. Any publications which are of direct relevance to the Committee will be copied into the agenda papers for reference. The links of the publications are included for online viewing:

- (i) Department for Communities and Local Government: *Decentralisation and the Localism Bill: an essential guide* - link:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1793908.pdf>
- (ii) Standards for England: *Case Review 2010* - link:
<http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/CaseinformationReporting/OnlineCaseReview2010/>]

7. Work Programme (Pages 13 - 20)

[To consider the future Work Programme of the Committee.]

8. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting

9. Exclusion of the Public

[To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of an item of business containing exempt information:

"RESOLVED: that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph of that part being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
10	7C"]

10. To confirm the accuracy of the confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 17th December 2010 (Pages 21 - 26)

11. Exclusion of the Public

[Should it prove necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to exclude the public from the meeting at any point during the proceedings in relation to any item(s) of business (in addition to the business set out at agenda item 10 above) on the grounds that either exempt and/or confidential information is likely to be divulged, the following resolution(s) will be moved:

"That under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, it/they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraphs of that part being (*...to be specified by the Chairman at the meeting*), and that it is in the public interest to do so.", and/or

"That under Section 100 A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, it/they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information which would be in breach of an obligation of confidence."]

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Agenda Item 3

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2010 AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Independent Members: Mr. N. A. Burke (Chairman), Ms. K. J. Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) and Mrs. G. Bell
Councillors: D. L. Pardoe (substituting for Mrs. A. E. Doyle)
Parish Councils' Representatives: Mr. J. Cypher and Mr. I. A. Hodgetts

Invitees: Ms. B. Evans. Legal Adviser

Investigating Officers: Mr. J. Goolden and Mr. A. Tasker

Officers: Ms. D. Parker-Jones and Ms. P. Ross

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and at the request of the Chairman brief introductions were given by all those present.

22/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

It was noted that District Councillors Miss D. H. Campbell JP, Mrs. A. E. Doyle and E. C. Tibby who comprise the normal District Councillor membership of the Standards Committee, were affected by some of the issues under consideration and therefore would not be participating in the meeting.

23/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

24/10 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 22nd September 2010 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

25/10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee considered whether or not to exclude the public from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item No. 5; Consideration of Investigating Officer's Final Reports into Member Complaints. In doing so, the Chairman announced that the meeting be adjourned to take legal advice.

Accordingly, the meeting adjourned from 10:15am to 10:44am.

Having re-convened, the Chairman summarised the legal advice which had been provided and announced it was

RESOLVED that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph of that part being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
26/10	7C

26/10 **CONSIDERATION OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S FINAL REPORTS INTO MEMBER COMPLAINTS**

There were two sets of complaints to be considered.

Further to a referral from the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee in September 2009, the Committee was asked to give consideration, under Regulation 17 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, to a number of complaints made against members of the Council in relation to actions and behaviour during the Full Council meeting held on 29th July 2009.

The second set of complaints related to the meeting of Full Council on 20th January and other associated matters had been considered by the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee on 3rd March 2010. The decision of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee was that the matters be referred to Standards for England for investigation. Following initial acceptance of these, Standards for England subsequently referred the matters back to the Monitoring Officer with a direction that they be included as part of the ongoing local complaints relating to the 29th July 2009 meeting of Full Council.

The Investigating Officer had produced two reports for each of the Councillors concerned. The first report dealt with the matters arising from the meeting of the Full Council held on 29th July 2009 and the second report related to the meeting of the Full Council held on 20th January 2010 and linked issues.

The Investigating Officer responded to Members' questions and provided clarification on the issues raised. Following a detailed and considered debate and further questioning on the Investigating Officer's comprehensive reports it was:

RESOLVED:

In relation to the 2009 Complaints

- (a) that the Investigating Officer's findings of no failure ("a finding of acceptance") in relation to the allegations against all bar one of the

Councillors, as detailed in the Investigating Officers final report, to comply with the Code of Conduct of Bromsgrove District Council in relation to their actions at the meeting of the Full Council on 29th July 2009 be accepted; and

- (b) that the Investigating Officer's finding of a failure in relation to the allegations against one Councillor, as detailed in the Investigating Officers final report, to comply with the Code of Conduct of Bromsgrove District Council in relation to their actions at the meeting of the Full Council on 29th July 2009, be considered at a hearing of the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED:

In relation to the 2010 Complaints

- (a) that the Investigating Officer's findings of no failure ("a finding of acceptance") in relation to certain allegations against the Councillors, as detailed in the Investigating Officers final report, to comply with the Code of Conduct of Bromsgrove District Council in relation to their actions at the meeting of the Council on the 19th January 2010 and 20th January 2010 be accepted; and
- (b) that the Investigating Officer's findings of failure in relation to certain other allegations against the Councillors, as detailed in the Investigating Officers final report, to comply with the Code of Conduct of Bromsgrove District Council in relation to their actions at the meeting of the Council on 20th January 2010, be considered at a hearing of the Standards Committee.

The meeting closed at 3.24 p.m.

Chairman

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MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Monitoring Officer

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 The Standards Committee has requested the Monitoring Officer to report to each meeting of the Standards Committee on a number of items. This report sets out the latest position in relation to key items since the last meeting of the Committee at which such matters were reported on 22nd September 2010.
- 1.2 Any further updates will be reported verbally at the meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members are requested to note the report and to comment on any aspects of this as appropriate; and**
- 2.2 **to recommend to Full Council that in view of the proposed changes to the standards regime as a consequence of the Localism Bill, the terms of office of the Parish Councils' Representatives on the Standards Committee, effective from July 2011, be for a period of one year, with nominations for appointees to follow from the Bromsgrove Area Committee of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils in due course.**

3. BACKGROUND

Member Investigations and Associated Matters

- 3.1 Local investigations are currently taking place into the following complaints:
- Complaint Reference 94/09 (against a district councillor and for which the scope of the investigation has previously been extended by the Assessment Sub-Committee to include an additional matter);
 - Complaint References 03/10 and 04/10 (linked complaints against parish councillors); and
 - Complaint References 07/10, 08/10 and 09/10 (linked complaints against parish councillors).

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The Investigating Officers' final reports into these matters will be referred to the Committee for consideration once available.

- 3.2 On 17th December 2010 the Standards Committee considered the final reports of the Investigating Officer in relation to a number of complaints made against the members of the Labour Group arising from the meetings of Full Council on 29th January 2009 and 20th January 2010 and associated issues. The Committee agreed with all of the Investigating Officer's findings, which included findings of both failure and no failure to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct. The findings of failure to comply with the Code will now proceed to a Final Determination Hearing which is due to take place in February 2010.

Complaints for Local Assessment

- 3.3 Since 22nd September 2010 the following Standards Sub-Committee meetings have taken place:
- 28th September 2010 - Assessment Sub-Committee;
 - 13th October 2010 - Assessment Sub-Committee; and
 - 27th October 2010 - Review Sub-Committee.
- 3.4 A total of four new complaints were assessed by the Sub-Committees, three of which were linked matters against parish councillors. The Sub-Committees findings were as follows:

Complaint Ref	Against	Outcome	Comments
06/10	District councillor	No further action	
07/10*	Parish councillor	Referred to Monitoring Officer for local investigation	* Linked complaints
08/10*	Parish councillor	" "	* Linked complaints
09/10*	Parish councillor	" "	* Linked complaints

- 3.5 One request for review was considered, relating to Complaint Reference 05/10 (against a district councillor), the outcome of which was that no further action be taken with the complaint.

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- 3.6 The Committee is reminded that details of only those complaints which have been assessed by the relevant Sub-Committee appear in this report. Any complaints which have yet to be assessed and/or for which Sub-Committee decision notices have still to be issued are not included as the Subject Members concerned will not be aware of the complaints. Equally, only information relating to review requests which have already been considered by the appropriate Review Sub-Committee and for which the parties involved have been notified of the outcome are included.

Monitoring Officer's Other Action

- 3.7 At the Standards Committee meeting on 22nd September it was reported that one district councillor had partially completed the Other Action recommended by the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee but that the training element had not been completed. Members are asked to note that in light of the lack of co-operation from the Member concerned the Monitoring Officer has decided not to pursue the training aspect any further and to close the matter. Members will be aware that there is no ability to compel Subject Members to comply with Other Action; it has to be agreed by the Subject Member on a voluntary basis. As the complaint was resolved by way of Other Action there is no ability to refer the matter back to the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee to be re-considered.

Member Training

- 3.8 The programme of events for Members under the Modern Councillor Programme for 2011/12 is currently under development. This will include induction for new Members following the May 2011 elections. This will involve a briefing on the Code of Conduct at the induction evening, and awareness training to follow later in quarter 1. A decision has been taken not to carry out full training on the Code in the short-term, in view of the potential changes to legislation detailed in the Localism Bill (paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15 below refer).

Parish Council Matters

Monitoring Officer Liaison Meetings

- 3.9 Further to the update provided at the September meeting, the first of the 'Monitoring Officer Liaison Meetings' (for Parish Council Clerks and Executive Officers)' (MOLMs) took place in October 2010. In order to attract as many Clerks/Executive Officers (EOs) as possible two (repeat) meetings were run on 12 and 20 October; one during the daytime and a second in the evening. The aim of the meetings was to give Clerk/EOs an opportunity to raise, in a private forum, any

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questions or concerns they might have in areas falling within the Monitoring Officer's/Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services jurisdiction. It was noted that the meetings were separate to those of the Parish Councils' Forum, to which parish councillors were invited and which covered additional areas of District Council business.

- 3.10 The meetings were well received with a total of 13 Clerks/EOs, covering 16 of the district's parishes, being in attendance. It was agreed that meetings should take place at (approximately) six-monthly intervals, with the next meeting scheduled for March 2011. The March meeting would include updates on electoral matters in the run up to the May 2011 elections and the proposed changes to the national standards regime under the Localism Bill. It was further agreed that single meetings, which would alternate between daytime and evening, would take place in future.

Appointment of Parish Councils' Representatives to the Standards Committee

- 3.11 At its meeting on 31st March 2009 the Standards Committee considered a report on the terms of office of the Parish Councils' Representatives (including the Deputy Parish Councils' Representative) on the Committee. The report contained proposals to extend, for the 2009 appointments only, the terms of office of the Parish Representatives from one year to two years. The Committee recommended to Full Council that the terms of office for 2009 be so extended and that a further review of the terms of office be undertaken in 2011 following the parish council elections, such a review to include looking at the possibility of introducing four year terms of office to give parity to parish council and Independent Member appointments. On 29th April 2009 Full Council approved the Committee's recommendations.
- 3.12 The current terms of office of the Parish Representatives expire in July 2011. In view of the proposed changes to the standards regime under the Localism Bill it is suggested that the Committee consider recommending to Full Council that the 2011 Parish Councils' Representative appointments to the Committee be for a period of one year, to July 2012.

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- 3.13 Parish Council nominations to the Standards Committee will be referred to Full Council in the usual manner following the June 2011 meeting of the Bromsgrove Area Committee of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils in June.

National Standards Regime - The Localism Bill

- 3.14 The Localism Bill was laid before Parliament on 13th December 2010 and was debated at Second Reading on 17th January 2011. The House of Commons voted for the Bill to be considered by a Public Bill Committee that will scrutinise the Bill clause by clause. Details of the Bill are available on the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) website and the DCLG has published 'Decentralisation and the Localism Bill: an essential guide', the link to which is detailed at agenda item 6 (Publications) should members wish to read this.
- 3.15 Whilst imposing a duty on local authorities to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members, Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Bill includes provision for the abolition of the Standards Board regime, the national code of conduct and the obligation on authorities to maintain standards committees. The Bill leaves it open to individual authorities to decide whether they wish to adopt their own voluntary code dealing with the conduct that is expected of their Members. The Bill also introduces local accountability and a criminal offence of deliberate failure to declare certain interests.
- 3.16 A further update on the implications of the Bill will be provided by the Monitoring Officer in due course.

4. KEY ISSUES

The Committee is asked to note the information contained within the report and to comment on any aspects of this as it sees fit.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 2000 introduced primary legislation to enable the implementation of a Members' Code of Conduct, and this

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was amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 insofar as it related to the application of the Members' Code of Conduct to their private lives. Further details have been provided by the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 and the Relevant Authorities (General Principles) Order 2001. The local assessment regime was introduced by the LGPIHA 2007, and further expanded in the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 which also set out the rules and procedures governing the investigation and determination of complaints.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

This item does not link directly with any Council objectives.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 The main risks associated with the details included in this report are:

- Risk of challenge to Council decisions; and
- Risk of complaints about elected Members.

9.2 These risks are being managed as follows:

- Risk Register: Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Key Objective Ref No: 3
Key Objective: Effective ethical governance

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

None

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

None

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

None

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13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

None

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Standards Committee is responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of behaviour among Members and its work is therefore key to the ethical governance arrangements in place within the Council.

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

None

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

18. LESSONS LEARNT

None

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

None

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	No

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Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	No
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Resources	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All wards

22. APPENDICES

None

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Member complaint files

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WORK PROGRAMME

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

Members are requested to consider the future Work Programme of the Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That, subject to any amendments made to it by the Committee, the Work Programme be approved.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Standards Committee established a Work Programme at its meeting on 7th February 2008.

3.2 A Work Programme is beneficial to the Committee for the following reasons:

- (a) to ensure the Committee is fulfilling its roles and functions in accordance with the Council's Constitution;
- (b) to enable officers to be proactive in supporting the Committee and for the Committee to be equally proactive in introducing change to ensure the Council is an ethical organisation, which promotes and maintains high standards of conduct of elected Members, and is an organisation which relates to the community and improves the service it provides; and
- (c) the rising profile of standards committees and, in particular, the changes brought about by the introduction of the local assessment of complaints of alleged breaches by district and parish councillors of the Members' Code of Conduct, under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

3.3 The Work Programme will appear as a regular item on Standards Committee agendas.

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- 3.4 Officers will update the Work Programme, as appropriate, in between meetings and any amendments to this will be referred to the next meeting of the Committee for approval. Members of the Committee are welcome to contact officers, at any time, with suggested changes to the Work Programme.

4. KEY ISSUES

The Committee is asked to consider the Work Programme and to comment on this accordingly.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

The Work Programme is linked to the Council's Improvement Objective.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

None

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

A Work Programme will assist in informing Members, officers and the public of the work being undertaken by the Committee in ensuring that the Council is an ethical organisation, which is proactively working towards improvement.

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

None

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12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

None

13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

None

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

None

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

None

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

18. LESSONS LEARNT

None

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

None

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No

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Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	No
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	No
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Resources	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All wards

22. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Work Programme

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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APPENDIX 1

STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

[Note: Any items that it is proposed should be removed from the Work Programme are denoted by a strikethrough, with any new additions and/or rescheduled items appearing in bold italics.]

Meeting date	Item(s) for consideration
23rd March 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ombudsman Complaint Statistics (interim update for period ending 31st September 2010)• Annual Review of the Operation of the Standards Committee• Calendar of meetings 2011/12
May 2011 (Date to be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2011/12• Sub-Committee appointments for 2011/12• Standards Committee Annual Report 2011/12 (May 2011 or July 2011 meeting)• Annual Review of the Operation and Effectiveness of the Members' Code of Conduct• 12 month review on policy regarding documentation accompanying reports to Assessment and Review Sub-Committees (Min. 10/10 of 19th May 2010 Standards Committee meeting refers)
July 2011 (Date to be confirmed)	
September 2011 (Date to be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Ombudsman Complaint Statistics (final report for period ending 31st March 2011 and to include comparison with neighbouring authorities)

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November 2011 (Date to be confirmed)	
January 2012 (Date to be confirmed)	
Date to be confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Planning Services Code of Practice/ Planning Committee Procedure Rules/Public Speaking at Planning Committee Meetings guidance <i>(Min. 125/08 (ii) of 29th April 2009 Council meeting refers. Date for Annual Review to be added to Work Programme on completion of Review. To be referred to Committee as soon as practicable - Mins. 50/09 (iv) and 57/09 of 24th March 2010 Standards Committee meeting refer.)</i>• 'Planning Ahead' training session <i>(For members of the Standards Committee - as developed by Standards for England in partnership with the Planning Advisory Service. To take place once any issues arising as a result of the Review of Planning Services Code of Practice above identified. Min. 50/09 (iv) of 24th March 2010 Standards Committee meeting refers.)</i>• Draft Procedure for Processing Applications for Dispensations <i>(Min. 21/09 (c) of 22nd July 2009 Standards Committee meeting refers.)</i>• Annual Review of Council Protocols on Member- Officer and Member-Member Relations• Establishment of Parish Councils' Ethical Governance Training Programme <i>(To be revisited once more known about the future of the standards regime under the Localism Bill - Monitoring Officer's Report to 22nd September 2010 Standards Committee meeting refers.)</i>

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Note: All meetings of the Committee will include regular items such as:

- Minutes of previous meeting;
- Monitoring Officer's Report;
- Parish Councils' Representatives' Report;
- Complaint / investigation updates; and
- Work Programme.

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