



## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 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 - Clent Parish Council)

### **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 meetings of the Standards Committee held on 26th January and 2nd February 2011 (to follow)
4. Monitoring Officer's Report (to follow)  
[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. Ombudsman Statistics (Pages 1 - 6)

[To provide the Committee with a six-monthly update on Ombudsman statistics.]

7. Publications (Pages 7 - 16)

[Attention is drawn to the following attached publications:

- (i) Standards for England: *Localism Bill A brief summary of Chapter 5: Standards*; and
- (ii) Local Government Improvement and Development: *Maintaining High Ethical Standards in Local Government*']

8. Review of Operation of the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees (Pages 17 - 22)

[To seek Members' views on the general operation of the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees over the last twelve months.]

9. Calendar of Meetings 2011/2012 (Pages 23 - 26)

[To advise Members of the meeting dates of the Standards Committee for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.]

10. Work Programme (Pages 27 - 32)

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

11. 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 paragraphs 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>
12	1, 2 & 7C" ]

12. Consideration of Investigating Officer's Final Reports - Complaint References: 07/10, 08/10 and 09/10 (Pages 33 - 116)

[To consider the Investigating Officer's Final Reports into three linked complaints against Clent Parish Councillors J. Skelding, Mrs. M. Hobbis and R. Waldron.]

13. Exclusion of the Public

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
14	7C" ]

14. Consideration of Investigating Officer's Final Report - Complaint Reference: 94/09 (Pages 117 - 176)

[To consider the Investigating Officer's Final Report into a complaint against District Councillor Mrs. J. D. Luck.]

15. 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:

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
16	7C" ]

16. To confirm the accuracy of any confidential minutes of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on 26th January and 2nd February 2011, as appropriate (to follow)
17. 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
18. 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 items 12, 14 and 16 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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