



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 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
District Councillors: Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. (substituting for Miss D. H. Campbell JP) and D. L. Pardoe (substituting for Mrs. A. E. Doyle)
Parish Councils' Representatives: Mr. J. Cypher (Alvechurch Parish Council) and Mr. I. A. Hodgetts (Romsley Parish Council)

[Note: 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, are affected by some of the issues under consideration and therefore will not be participating in the meeting.]

AGENDA - URGENT MEETING

In accordance with the Council's Constitution and in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee, this meeting is being convened at less than 5 clear days' notice for reasons of urgency.

The reasons for urgency are as follows:

- (i) It was not possible to deal with the pre-hearing issues at the diarised meeting of the Committee on 26th January 2011 following a request from the Subject Members' representative for additional time in which to complete the necessary pre-hearing questionnaires; and**
- (ii) A meeting of the Committee is required at this stage in order to allow sufficient preparation and notification time to carry out the remainder of the requirements under the pre-hearing process.**

1. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
2. Declarations of Interest
3. 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>
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4. Member Complaints - Pre-hearing Update

[To update the Committee on any pre-hearing matters in relation to the complaints made in 2009 and 2010 against the members of the Labour Group.]

5. 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
6. 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 items of business (in addition to the business set out at agenda item 4 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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27th January 2011