



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2014 AT 6.00 P.M.

COMMITTEE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Councillors: M. A. Sherrey (Chairman), M. A. Bullivant (Vice-Chairman), D. W. P. Booth, B. T. Cooper, S. J. Dudley, C. M. McDonald, R. J. Shannon, C. J. Spencer and L. J. Turner,

Parish Councils' Representatives: Mr. J. Cypher and Mr. I. A. Hodgetts

Observer – Deputy Parish Councils' Representative (non-voting co-opted): Mrs. K. May

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
2. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.
3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 10th October 2013 (Pages 1 - 6)
4. Monitoring Officer's Report (Pages 7 - 10)

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.

6. Localism Act 2011 - Standards Regime - Dispensations (Pages 11 - 16)

To consider the granting of a number of general dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011.

7. Review of Local Protocol on Relations between Members and Member-Officer Protocol (Pages 17 - 42)

To review the attached Local Protocol on Relations between Members and the Member-Officer Protocol and consider whether any changes are required to these.

8. Work Programme (Pages 43 - 48)

To consider the future Work Programme of the Committee.

9. 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

10. To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of item(s) of business containing exempt information:-

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 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."

K. DICKS
Chief Executive

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30th December 2013



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