



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 28TH APRIL 2008 AT 6.00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Mrs. N. E. Trigg (Chairman - Independent Member), Councillors C. R. Scurrall (Vice-Chairman), S. P. Shannon and E. C. Tibby, Mr. S. E. Allard (Independent Member), Mr. N. A. Burke (Independent Member) and Mr. J. Cypher (Parish Councils' Representative)

Mr. I. A. Hodgetts (Non-voting Deputy Parish Councils' Representative)

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 7th February 2008 (Pages 1 - 4)
4. To receive, for noting and any relevant discussion, the minutes of the meeting of the West Mercia Independent Members Forum held on 25th January 2008 (Pages 5 - 14)
5. Local Assessment - Composition of the Standards Committee and Creation and Composition of Sub-Committees (Pages 15 - 24)

To report back on the decision made by the Council at its meeting on 23rd April 2008 regarding the local assessment regime and to implement the regime accordingly.

6. Parish Councils' Representative Update Report

To receive an update from the Parish Councils' Representative on matters of relevant to the Committee, and to include an oral update on the latest Bromsgrove Area Committee meeting of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils (CALC).

7. Re-Appointment of Parish Councils' Representatives (Pages 25 - 26)

To agree a job description for Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee.

8. Parish Councils Training Programme

To establish a training programme for Parish Councils. Dates for Equality and Diversity training at County Hall have been set for 23rd and 24th April 2008.

9. Monitoring Officer's Update Report (Pages 27 - 28)

To receive an update from the Monitoring Officer on matters of relevance to the Committee, and to include the following:

- (a) Member Investigations/associated matters;
- (b) Member Training:
 - (i) "Local First Sieve" event - Cannock Chase District Council (details attached); and
 - (ii) Local assessment - training exercise; and
- (c) Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, including the latest position on regulations and Standards Board guidance.

[Note: at the time of preparation of this agenda neither the regulations nor the Standards Board guidance had been published. Should either of these become available by the date of the meeting officers will provide an appropriate update and the Committee will be asked to make any necessary decisions. Communities and Local Government has issued a summary of responses received to its consultation paper on the orders and regulations which will implement the new revised locally-based ethical regime. A copy of the summary can be accessed via the following link:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/743746.pdf>.

10. Work Programme (Pages 29 - 34)

To consider the Work Programme for the Committee.

11. 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

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