



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 12TH JUNE 2008 AT 6.00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Councillors: Miss D. H. Campbell JP, S. P. Shannon and E. C. Tibby
Independent Members: Mr. S. E. Allard, Mr. N. A. Burke and Mrs. N. E. Trigg
Parish Councils' Representatives: Mr. J. Cypher and Mr. I. A. Hodgetts

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman for the ensuing municipal year
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year
3. To receive apologies for absence
4. Declarations of Interest
5. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 28th April 2008 (Pages 1 - 6)
6. Monitoring Officer's Update Report (Pages 7 - 36)

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;
- (c) Standards Board for England guidance on Local Assessment of Complaints (guidance attached); and
- (d) First Annual Report of the Standards Committee (to follow).

7. Parish Councils' Representatives Update Report

To receive an update from the Parish Councils' Representatives on matters of relevance to the Committee.

8. Local Assessment - Composition of Sub-Committees (Pages 37 - 40)

To update the Committee on the Standards Board for England guidance on the composition of sub-committees and to consider one minor amendment to the composition of the Standard Committee's sub-committees.

9. Appointment of Independent Members (Pages 41 - 62)

To consider issues in relation to the appointment of Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

10. Review of the Code of Conduct (Pages 63 - 66)

To review the operation of the Code of Conduct and to decide if any further action is required in respect of both the Council and the parish councils within the district.

11. Annual Ombudsman Statistics (Pages 67 - 74)

To receive information as to complaints recorded against the Council during the twelve month period ending 31st March 2008.

12. Work Programme (Pages 75 - 80)

To consider the Work Programme for the Committee.

13. Local assessment training exercise

To undertake a training exercise on the local assessment of complaints.

14. 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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