



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST 2008, AT 6.00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

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

Observer: Mr. S. Malek (Non-voting Deputy Parish Councils' Representative)

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 20th May 2008 and 12th June 2008 (Pages 1 - 14)
4. Council Decisions on Standards Committee Matters (Pages 15 - 18)

To inform the Committee of the decisions made by the Council in relation to the Appointment of Independent Members and Parish Councils' Representatives to the Standards Committee.

5. Report on Alleged Breach of the Code of Conduct (Pages 19 - 96)

[Note: the public will be formally excluded from the meeting at the point at which the Committee makes its deliberations on the above matter and the following resolution will be passed:

"RESOLVED: that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the Committee's deliberations on the grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7C of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, and that it is in the public interest to do so."

6. Monitoring Officer's Update Report

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) Complaints for Local Assessment; and
- (c) Member Training.

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 - Assessment Criteria and Issues Arising (Pages 97 - 98)

To consider the Assessment Criteria for use by the Assessment Sub-Committee and any issues which have arisen as part of the local assessment process to date.

9. The Impact of the Ethical Framework for Local Government in England (Pages 99 - 104)

To advise the Committee of the Council's selection for, and participation in, a five-year case study, commissioned by the Standards Board for England and to be undertaken by the Centre for Local & Regional Government Research at Cardiff University, on the impact and effectiveness of the ethical framework for local government.

10. Work Programme (Pages 105 - 110)

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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