



## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 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 Ms. D Roberts

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. Welcome of new Independent Member  
  
[To welcome to the Committee Ms. Debbie Roberts who, on 12th November 2008, was appointed by the Council to serve as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee for a four-year term of office.]
2. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
3. Declarations of Interest
4. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on 26th September 2008 and 16th October 2008 (Pages 1 - 18)
5. Council Decisions on Standards Committee Matters (Pages 19 - 22)  
  
[To inform the Committee of the decisions made by the Council in relation to:  
(a) the appointment of an Independent Member to the Committee;  
(b) the Council's Confidential Reporting Code; and

- (c) the Department of Communities and Local Government Consultation Paper entitled "Communities in Control: Real people, real power - Codes of Conduct for local authority members and employees".]
6. Monitoring Officer's Report (Pages 23 - 34)
- [To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer on matters of relevance to the Committee, and to include the following:
- (a) Member Investigations and Associated Matters;
  - (b) Complaints for Local Assessment;
  - (c) Member Training;
  - (d) Issues Arising from Standards Committee Training;
  - (e) Training - Parish Councils;
  - (f) Terms of Office of Parish Councils' Representatives on the Standards Committee;
  - (g) Cardiff University Case Study; and
  - (h) West Mercia Forum of Independent Members.]
7. Parish Councils' Representatives' Report
- [To receive an oral update from the Parish Councils' Representatives on any matters of relevance to the Committee.]
8. Review of Protocol on Relations Between Members (Pages 35 - 44)
- [To consider how to conduct the review of the Protocol on Relations between Members.]
9. Review of Member-Officer Protocol (Pages 45 - 68)
- [To consider how best to review the Member-Officer Protocol.]
10. Work Programme (Pages 69 - 74)
- [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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