



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2009 AT 4.00 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: Ms. 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 meeting of the Standards Committee held on 11th December 2008 (Pages 1 - 6)
4. Standards Board for England Final report on Alleged Breaches of Parish and District Codes of Conduct (Pages 7 - 12)

[To note the final report of the Standards Board for England's Ethical Standards Officer in relation to an allegation against a District/Parish Councillor.]

5. Monitoring Officer's Report (Pages 13 - 20)

[To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer on matters of relevance to the Committee.]

6. Parish Councils' Representatives' Report
[To receive an oral update from the Parish Councils' Representatives on any matters of relevance to the Committee.]
7. Training Programme for Parish Councils (Pages 21 - 26)
[To consider a report on the establishment of a training programme for the Parish Councils on ethical Governance issues.]
8. Terms of Office of Parish Councils' Representatives on the Standards Committee (Pages 27 - 32)
[To consider proposals to extend the current terms of office of the Parish Councils' Representatives on the Standards Committee.]
9. Review of Local Assessment and Determination of Complaints (Pages 33 - 40)
[To consider a report on a review of the local assessment and determination of complaints process.]
10. Ombudsman Statistics (Pages 41 - 44)
[To consider a six month update on Ombudsman statistics.]
11. Review of Protocol on Relations between Members (Pages 45 - 54)
[To consider a report on a review of the protocol on Relations between Members.]
12. Review of Member-Officer Protocol (Pages 55 - 80)
[To consider a report on a review of the Member-Officer Protocol.]
13. Planning Services Code of Practice (Pages 81 - 94)
[To consider a report on a review of the Planning Services Code of Practice.]
14. Calendar of Meetings - 2009/10 (Pages 95 - 98)
[To receive a report detailing the Calendar of Meetings for the Committee for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.]
15. Work Programme (Pages 99 - 104)
[To consider the future Work Programme of the Committee.]

16. 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 of the Committee
17. To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of items of business containing exempt information:-

"RESOLVED: that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph(s) of that part, in each case, being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph(s)</u>
18	1, 2, 3 & 7A
19	7A"

18. Standards Board for England Final Report on Alleged Breaches of Parish and District Council Codes of Conduct (Pages 105 - 118)

[To note the Final Report of the Standards Board for England's Ethical Standards Officer in relation to an allegation against a District/Parish Councillor.]

19. Monitoring Officer's Confidential Report (Pages 119 - 132)

[To consider a confidential report of the Monitoring Officer.]

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