



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2009 AT 6.00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Independent Members: Mr. N. A. Burke, Ms. D. Roberts and Mrs. N. E. Trigg
Councillors: Miss D. H. Campbell JP, Mrs. A. E. Doyle 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. Election of Chairman for the ensuing municipal year
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year
3. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
4. Declarations of Interest
5. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 31st March 2009 (Pages 1 - 12)
6. Council Decisions (Pages 13 - 16)

[To receive a report informing the Committee of the decisions made by the Council at its meeting on 29th April 2009 in relation to the terms of office of the Parish Council's Representatives on the Standards Committee and the Planning Services Code of Practice.]

7. Standards Board for England final reports on alleged breaches of the Bromsgrove District Council Code of Conduct (Pages 17 - 28)

[To note the position in relation to the final reports of the Standards Board for England's Ethical Standards Officer on investigations undertaken following three separate complaints against a District Councillor for alleged breaches of the Bromsgrove District Council Code of Conduct.]

8. Monitoring Officer's Report (Pages 29 - 40)

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

9. Parish Councils' Representatives Report

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

10. Review of the Local Assessment Regime (Pages 41 - 52)

[To receive a report on the findings of the review undertaken by officers on certain aspects of the local assessment of complaints about Members regime.]

11. Review of operation of the Committee

[Members are asked to give consideration to the general operation of the Committee over the last twelve months and to comment on any aspects of this as appropriate. No separate report.]

12. Work Programme (Pages 53 - 58)

[To consider the future Work Programme of the Committee.]

13. 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

14. To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of item(s) of business containing exempt and/or confidential information:

"RESOLVED: that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds:

a) that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of

Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraphs of that part being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph(s)</u>
15 & 16	1, 2, 3 & 7A; and

b) that under Section 100 A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information, namely information provided under Section 63 of the Local Government Act as part of an Ethical Standards Officer's investigation under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000:

<u>Item No.</u>
15 & 16."

15. To confirm the accuracy of the confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 31st March 2009 (Pages 59 - 60)
16. Standards Board for England final reports on alleged breaches of the Bromsgrove District Council Code of Conduct (Pages 61 - 94)

[To note the final reports of the Standards Board for England's Ethical Standards Officer on investigations undertaken following three separate complaints against a District Councillor for alleged breaches of the Bromsgrove District Council Code of Conduct.]

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