



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY 2009 AT 6.00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Independent Members: Mr. N. A. Burke (Chairman), Mrs. N. E. Trigg (Vice-Chairman) and Ms. D. Roberts
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. 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 20th May 2009 (Pages 1 - 10)
4. Monitoring Officer's Report (Pages 11 - 20)
[To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer on any matters of relevance to the Committee.]
5. Parish Councils' Representatives' Report
[To receive a report from the Parish Councils' Representatives on any matters of relevance to the Committee, and to include an update on the meeting of the Bromsgrove Area Committee of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils held on 3rd June 2009.]

6. The Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009 (Pages 21 - 68)

[To receive a report on the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009 which came into force on 15th June 2009.]

7. Publications (Pages 69 - 84)

[Attention is drawn to the list of publications detailed below which members of the Committee may find of interest. Those publications which are of direct relevance to the Committee have been copied and are attached for reference. The links of other publications have been included should members wish to view these online:

- (i) Standards Board for England: *Other Action Guidance* (copy attached);
- (ii) BMG Research: *Stakeholder Tracker 2009 (Satisfaction with the Standards Board for England and Attitudes to the Ethical Environment)*. Prepared for the Standards Board for England. Link: http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/Research/2009reports/Report_7166_D31.pdf
- (iii) Centre for Local & Regional Research, Cardiff University: *Assessing the Impact and Effectiveness of the Ethical Framework in Local Government in England*. First Interim Report to the Standards Board for England. Link: <http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/Research/2008reports/SBE%20Research%20Report%20Final%20Year1%2022.04.09.doc2.pdf>
- (iv) Standards Board for England: *Bulletin 44*. Link: <http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/media/Bulletin%20Issue%2044.pdf>

8. Work Programme (Pages 85 - 90)

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

9. 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/they cannot wait until the next meeting

10. Exclusion of the Public

[Should it prove necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to exclude the public from the meeting at any point during the proceedings in relation to any items of business on the grounds that either exempt and/or confidential information is likely to be divulged, the following resolution(s) will be moved:

"That under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, it/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 (...to be specified by the Chairman at the meeting), and that it is in the public interest to do so.", and/or

"That under Section 100 A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, it/they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information which would be in breach of an obligation of confidence."]

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