



## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER 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 22nd July 2009 (under separate cover)
4. Exclusion of the Public

[To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of an item 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph 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</u>
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5. Consideration Meeting - Complaint Ref: 14/08 (Pages 1 - 46)

[To consider the Investigating Officer's Final Report in relation to complaint ref: 14/08.]

6. Standards Sub-Committees (Pages 47 - 54)

[To consider revising the constitution of the Standards Committee's sub-committees in the light of the Committee's previous request to the Monitoring Officer to develop a scheme for determining how substitutes are selected.]

7. Monitoring Officer's Report (Pages 55 - 62)

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

8. Election of Vice-Chairman

[In anticipation of the expiry of the current Vice-Chairman's second term of office on 20th October 2009 the Committee is asked to elect a successor Vice-Chairman effective from 21st October 2009, for the remainder of the current municipal year. No separate report.]

9. Parish Councils' Representatives' Report

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

10. Ombudsman - Annual Review (Pages 63 - 84)

[To receive a report on the Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Review of Bromsgrove District Council for the period ending 31st March 2009.]

11. Ombudsman Report into Maladministration (Pages 85 - 104)

[To consider a Report of the Ombudsman on an investigation into complaint no. 07B13868 against Bromsgrove District Council.]

12. Publications (Pages 105 - 120)

[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 any other publications have been included should members wish to view these online:

- (i) Standards for England: *Public perceptions of ethics* (July 2009) (copy attached); *and*

- (ii) Standards for England: *The Bulletin 45* (August 2009). Link: <http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/Publications/TheBulletin/Issue45/> ]

13. Work Programme (Pages 121 - 126)

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

14. 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

15. 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 (in addition to the business set out at agenda item 5 above) 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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