



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 2010, AT 4.00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Independent Members: Mr. N. A. Burke (Chairman) and Ms. K. J. Sharpe
Councillors: Miss D. H. Campbell JP, Mrs. A. E. Doyle and E. C. Tibby
Parish Councils' Representatives: Mr. J. Cypher (Alvechurch Parish Council) and Mr. I. A. Hodgetts (Romsley Parish Council)

Observer: Mr. S. H. Malek (Non-voting Deputy Parish Councils' Representative - Clent Parish Council)

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 meetings of the Standards Committee held on 23rd September 2009, 3rd February 2010 and 24th February 2010 (to follow)
4. Monitoring Officer's Report (to follow)

[To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer on any matters of relevance to the Committee.]
5. Parish Councils' Representatives' Report

[To receive an oral report from the Parish Councils' Representatives on any matters of relevance to the Committee, and to include an update on the recent meeting(s) of the Bromsgrove Area Committee of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils (CALC).]

6. Links between the Standards Committee, the Cabinet and the Senior Management Team (Pages 1 - 4)

[To consider whether it is appropriate to develop links between the Standards Committee, the Cabinet and/or the Senior Management Team, and if so, how those links should be developed and what form they should take.]

7. Ombudsman Statistics (Pages 5 - 8)

[To provide the Committee with a six-monthly update on Ombudsman statistics.]

8. Publications

[Attention is drawn to the list of publications below which the Committee may find of interest. Any publications which are of direct relevance to the Committee will be copied into the agenda papers for reference. The links of all publications are included for online viewing:

- (i) University of Hull and Teesside University: *Assessing the impact of standards committees* - link:
<http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/media/AssessingTheImpactOfStandardsCommittees2009.pdf>
- (ii) Standards for England: *Bulletins* - link:
<http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/News/Newsletters/TheBulletin/>
- (iii) Standards for England: *Notifications to parish and town councils concerning complaints about their members and the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008* - link:
<http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/Guidance/TheCodeofConduct/Guidance/Quickguides/Notificationstoparishandtowncouncilsconcerni/>]

9. Review of Operation of the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees (Pages 9 - 12)

[To seek Members' views on the general operation of the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees over the last twelve months.]

10. Calendar of Meetings 2010/11 (Pages 13 - 16)

[To advise Members of the meeting dates of the Standards Committee for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.]

11. Work Programme (Pages 17 - 22)

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

12. 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

13. 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 item(s) 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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