

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Friday 8th September 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
in the Town Hall

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AGENDA

The Democratic Services Manager has sent to all members of the Committee two Standards Board for England publications, namely the Annual Review for 2005/06 and the latest periodic Bulletin (Issue 30)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council's Constitution does not permit substitutes.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2006 (circulated, page 1).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Guidance note (circulated page 4)

4. URGENT BUSINESS

Items of business notified to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by no later than 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 6th September 2006 and which, in the opinion of the Chair should be considered by the Committee as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances.

5. OMBUDSMAN INVESTIGATION

Report (circulated, page 5) of the Chief Executive.

6. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECISIONS

Letters (circulated, pages 20 and 23) from the Standards Board for England.

7. MEMBER TRAINING

Council has approved a member development programme for 2006/07 and will be asked each year to approve future such programmes. The programme agreed by Council for 2006/07 is circulated, for information, at page 25. The Committee's attention is drawn in particular to Section 1.3. This Section relates particularly to the responsibilities of this Committee.

8. AUDIT COMMISSION ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

- (a) Audit letter (circulated, page 41)
- (b) Sale of Land at Minchery Farm (letter circulated, page 76)
- (c) Report and Action Plan prepared by the Chief Executive (circulated, page 81).

The report has been noted by the Executive Board and by Council and the Action Plan has been approved.

9. STANDARDS COMMITTEES - INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

- (a) Details of the newly established Association of Independent Members of Standards Committees in England (circulated, page 86).
- (b) The next Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire Independent Members' Forum will take place at Wiltshire County Council's offices in Trowbridge at 11am on Friday 27th October 2006.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council has set the following dates for meetings of the Committee, all commencing at 10.30 a.m. in the Town Hall provided there is business to warrant holding a meeting:-

- Friday 1st December 2006
- Friday 9th April 2007

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