

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Friday 1st December 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
in the Town Hall**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council's Constitution does not permit substitutes.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2006 (circulated, page 1).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Guidance note (circulated page 5)

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 29th November 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 6) of the Chief Executive pursuant to the Committee's requests at its September meeting.

6. COMPLAINTS MONITORING

Report (circulated, page 8) of the Chief Executive

7. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 2006

Report (circulated, page 20) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

8. STANDARDS COMMITTEES - INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Notes (circulated, page 31) of the Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire Independent Members' Forum that took place at Wiltshire County Council's offices on Friday 27th October 2006.

9. INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report (circulated, page 37) of the Monitoring Officer.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION

The Monitoring Officer will report upon progress on Government consultation on this matter

11. WHITE PAPER – STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

This White Paper was published on 27th October 2006. It consists of two volumes together with a summary document. There are 16 Chapters to the document, among which Chapter 3 relates to the detail of local government structure. Chapter 3 is circulated for the Committee at pages 39 – 57.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services will report upon what the Council has done so far in relation to Chapter 3.

Copies of the full White Paper can be supplied to members of this Committee upon request.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council has set the following date for the final meeting of the Committee in the Council Year 2006/07 (provided there is business to warrant holding a meeting):-

- Friday 9th March 2007

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