

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Friday 7th December 2007 at 10.00 am
in the Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council's Constitution does not permit substitutes.

2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Note (circulated, page 1)

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2007 (circulated, page 2).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Guidance note (circulated page 7)

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Report (circulated, page 8) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted to and agreed by full Council on 19th November 2007.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT, TRAINING AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS - UPDATE

Report (circulated, page 11) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

6. MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE AND COMPLAINTS MONITORING

The Chief Executive will report.

7. "LOCAL FILTER" OF ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT – MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Report (circulated, page 14) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS – SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS - CONSEQUENCES

Report (circulated, page 18) of the Monitoring Officer

9. STANDARDS BOARD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2007

Report (circulated, page 22) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

NOTE: The 2008 Annual Assembly will be held in Birmingham on 13th and 14th October 2008.

10. PREDISPOSITION, BIAS OR PREDETERMINATION AND THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Paper (circulated, page 31) issued by the Standards Board for England

11. INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES - FORUM

Notes (circulated page 35) of the Forum meeting held on 19th October 2007.

12. PLANNING APPLICATION - IDENTIFICATION

The Chief Executive reports that a recent Ombudsman report that found maladministration by the Council enabled the complainant to be identified through the inclusion of a planning application number on the plans attached to the report. The law generally requires the Ombudsman to report without naming or identifying the complainant or other individuals. The Committee asked that this be taken up with the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman has replied by saying "this was an error and I can only apologise for it".

The Committee is asked to note the position.

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting date for the Committee is Friday 7th March 2008 at 10.00 am. We are currently drawing up the timetable of meetings for

2008/09 and, if it followed normal practice, the Committee would meet as follows:-

- Friday 6th June 2008
- Friday 5th September 2008
- Friday 5th December 2008
- Friday 6th March 2009

The Committee is asked on what day and at what time it would like to meet in 2008/09, and if the date of the next scheduled meeting is acceptable to it.

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