

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Friday 5th December 2008 at 9.30 am
in the Town Hall**

AGENDA

Members of the Standards Committee:-

City Councillors

Councillor Clark Brundin
Councillor Stuart Craft
Councillor Sushila Dhall
Councillor Gill Sanders
Councillor Val Smith

Independent members

Chris Ballinger
Meryll Dean
Martin Gardner
Anne Gwinnett (Vice-Chair of the Committee)
John Lay (Chair of the Committee)

Parish Council representative

Fred Mogridge
Paul Phipps

PART 1

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council's Constitution does not permit substitutes.

2. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2008 (circulated, page 1)

(b) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2008 (circulated, page 8)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Guidance note (circulated page 10)

4. CODE TRAINING AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

- (a) The Democratic Services Manager will report upon the local position.
- (b) The Committee is advised that local assessment and hearings training has been arranged for Standards Committee members and for officers responsible for these matters. This will take place in the Town Hall on the afternoon of Thursday 8th January 2009.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES – CONSULTATION

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

6. STANDARDS LOCAL DETERMINATION – MATTERS ARISING

Report (circulated, page 51) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

7. STANDARDS BOARD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2008

The delegates to the Assembly will report orally

8. INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' FORUM

Notes (circulated, page 64) of the meeting held on 26th September at Cherwell District Council.

The Council's attendees will report.

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 23rd April at the Vale of White Horse District Council Offices in Abingdon. The organisers have asked for suggestions for agenda items and keynote topics.

9. POLITICALLY RESTRICTED POSTS

Report (circulated, page 68) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

10. COMPLAINTS MONITORING – APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2008

Report (to follow) of the Chief Executive

11. LOCAL DETERMINATION – REFERENCES TO THE ADJUDICATION PANEL

Advice note (circulated, page 73) from the President of the Adjudication Panel

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Friday 6th March 2009 at 3.00 pm (ordinary meeting)

PART 11

MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

C1. MINUTES

Minutes (circulated, page 75) of the business exempt from publication transacted by the Committee on 19th September and 11th November 2008.

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