

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Friday 2nd October 2009 at 3.00 p.m.
in the Town Hall**

Members of the Standards Committee:-

City Councillors

Councillor Clark Brundin (until May 2010 – Annual Meeting)
Councillor Stuart Craft (until May 2010 – Annual Meeting)
Councillor Sushila Dhall (until May 2010 – Annual Meeting)
Councillor Gill Sanders (until May 2010 – Annual Meeting)
Councillor Val Smith (until May 2010 – Annual Meeting)

Independent members

Chris Ballinger (until 30th November 2010)
Meryll Dean (until 30th November 2010)
Martin Gardner (until 30th November 2010)
Anne Gwinnett (until 31st May 2011)
John Lay (until May 2010 – Annual Meeting)

Parish Council representative

Fred Mogridge (until 30th November 2010)
One vacancy

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council's Constitution does not permit substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Guidance note (circulated page 1).

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 12th June 2009 (circulated page 2).

4. TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

(a) Code of Conduct and Other Matters

Report (circulated, page 7) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

This report tells members about the training that was conducted on the Code of Conduct and other matters during the Summer period.

(b) Code Training – Joint Training Event

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that at the last meeting of the Oxfordshire Monitoring Officers it was agreed that a joint training event for all members of the Oxfordshire districts and the County Standards Committees be arranged for January 2010. The Standards Board for England (Standards for England to use its new operating name) will be invited to speak at the event. Monitoring Officers suggest that the focus of the training event should be local assessment. They suggest that the City Council host the event (as the City did in January this year) at the Town Hall as a venue central for the County.

5. COMPLAINTS MONITORING - PROGRESS

Report (circulated, page 10) of the Chief Executive.

6. LOCAL DETERMINATIONS – PRE-HEARINGS

Report (circulated, page 23) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

7. PARISH COUNCILS – REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND CODE TRAINING

The Democratic Services Manager will report.

8. MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS CODE - REVIEW

Report (circulated, page 31) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

9. PLANNING CODE OF CONDUCT - REVIEW

Report (circulated, page 38) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

10. ASSESSMENT PANEL DECISION NOTICES

Attached at page 45 are the decision notices of the Assessment Panels that have met since the Committee's last meeting.

11. STANDARDS BOARD – GUIDANCE ON DISPENSATIONS, OTHER ACTION AND JOINT COMMITTEES

Report (circulated, page 52) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

12. STANDARDS BOARD BULLETINS

The Standards Board latest periodic Bulletins are circulated at page 109 for the information of the Committee.

13. INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' FORUM MATTERS

The Chair of the Committee and the Democratic Services Manager to report as and if appropriate.

14. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Friday 4th December 2009 at 9.30 pm.

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