

A G E N D A

Standards Committee

Date: **Friday, 1st April, 2005**

Time: **2.00 p.m.**

Place: **The Council Chamber,
Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,
Hereford**

Notes: Please note the **time, date** and **venue** of the meeting.

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AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

To: Robert Rogers (Independent Member)(Chairman)

Councillors P.E. Harling and J.W. Edwards
 David Stevens (Independent Member)
 Richard Gething (Parish Council Representative)
 John Hardwick (Parish Council Representative)

	Pages
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
3. MINUTES To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2005.	1 - 6
4. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS To consider any applications for dispensations received from town or parish councils. Wards: County-Wide	
5. DRAFT PROTOCOL ON THE USE OF COUNCIL RESOURCES BY MEMBERS To consider a revised draft protocol to guide Members in their use of Council resources. Wards: County-Wide	7 - 16
6. " A CODE FOR THE FUTURE": STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND CONSULTATION ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS To consider the Committee's submission to the Standards Board for England. Wards: County-Wide	17 - 22
7. LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS To agree an approach to the new powers of local investigations of complaints. Wards: County-Wide	23 - 26

8.	PARISH COUNCILS	27 - 38
	To note the work of the Standards Board for England in relation to supporting the local parish council sector in compliance with the Code of Conduct.	
	Wards: County-Wide	
9.	NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTEREST FORM	39 - 44
	To review the forms associated with Local Authority, Town and Parish Councillors' registrations of interest.	
	Wards: County-Wide	
10.	DATES OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS	
	To note the following programme of meetings, and agree to change the date of the June 2005 meeting:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 3 June 2005 (It was informally agreed in the margins of the last hearing that 10 June would probably be convenient. 17 June is an alternative if not.) • Friday 7 October 2005 • Friday 2 December 2005 	
	EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS	
	In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the next items will not be, or are likely not be, open to the public and press at the time that they are considered.	
	RECOMMENDATION	
	That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12 (A) of the Act, as indicated below.	
11.	DETERMINATIONS BY THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND 2004/05	45 - 48
	To update the Committee about determinations by the Standards Board for England on 2004/2005 concerning the County.	
	This item discloses information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (other than the Authority).	
12.	REVIEW OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARINGS	
	To reflect on the first two hearings held on 14 January and 4 March 2005.	
	This item discloses information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (other than the Authority).	