

# A G E N D A

## Standards Committee

Date: **Friday, 16th January, 2009**

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Time: **2.00 p.m.**

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

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

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## Herefordshire Council



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# AGENDA

## for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

To: Robert Rogers (Independent Member) (Chairman)

Isabel Fox (Independent Member)  
 Richard Gething (Parish and Town Council Representative)  
 John Hardwick (Parish and Town Council representative)  
 David Stevens (Independent Member)  
 John Stone (Local Authority Representative)  
 Beris Williams (Local Authority Representative)

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1. <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive apologies for absence.	
2. <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
3. <b>MINUTES</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2008.	
4. <b>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND/HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS JOINT PILOT PROJECT</b> To receive an oral update from Mr Richard Gething in respect of a joint SBE/HALC Pilot Project.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>	
5. <b>APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS</b> To consider applications for dispensations received from parish and town councils.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>  <i>(Note: At the time that this agenda went to print, no applications had been received. If any applications of dispensations are received before the meeting, and oral report will be given.)</i>	
6. <b>GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY PROTOCOL</b> To consider the adoption of a specific protocol outlining Members' obligations in respect of receiving gifts and hospitality.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>	5 - 8

<p><b>7. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND BULLETIN 41</b></p> <p>To consider the latest bulletin from the Standards Board for England.</p> <p><b>Wards: County Wide</b></p>	<p>9 - 16</p>
<p><b>8. MONITORING OFFICERS' MEETING</b></p> <p>To receive an oral report from the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic) in respect of a Monitoring Officers' meeting at the SBE Headquarters in Manchester on 12 January 2009.</p>	
<p><b>9. PUBLISHING THE DECISIONS OF ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>To consider a policy in respect of decisions made by the Assessment and Review Sub-Committees.</p> <p><b>Wards: County Wide</b></p>	<p>17 - 20</p>
<p><b>10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>To note that the next meeting of the Standards Committee will be held on <b>Friday 17 April 2009</b> at <b>2.00 p.m.</b> in the <b>Council Chamber</b> at <b>Brockington</b>.</p> <p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</b></p> <p><b>In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the following item will not be, or is likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time it is considered.</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>        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</p>	
<p><b>11. EXPERIENCE OF LOCAL FILTER CASES, AND DETERMINATIONS SO FAR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To update the Committee about progress made with complaints about local authority, town and parish councillors during the period from 08 May 2008 to the present;</li> <li>• To share recent experiences of the local filter and determinations process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wards: County Wide</b></p> <p><i><b>(This item contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)</b></i></p>	<p>21 - 26</p>