

# A G E N D A

## Standards Committee

Date: **Friday, 13th February, 2004**

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Time: **2.00 p.m.**

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Place: **Council Chamber, Brockington**

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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 John Edwards, Peter Harling**  
**Richard Gething, John Chadwick (Parish Council Representatives)**  
**David Stevens (Independent Member)**

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive apologies for absence.	
<b>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
<b>3. MINUTES</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December, 2003.	1 - 4
<b>4. NEW MEMBERS</b> To welcome Mr John Chadwick and Mr David Stevens as new Members of the Committee.	
<b>5. PROTOCOL - USE OF COUNCIL RESOURCES</b> To consider a suggested protocol to guide members in their use of council resources.  <b>Wards: County-wide</b>	5 - 22
<b>6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To bring to the Standards Committee's attention the recent Court of Appeal case concerning the meaning of prejudicial interests under the Model Code of Conduct and its impact on the working of local democracy:  <b>Wards: County-wide</b>	23 - 24
<b>7. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS</b> To note the attached report on dispensations granted by the Committee to town and parish councils and to consider any new applications received prior to the meeting.  <b>Wards: County-wide</b>	25 - 26

**8. TRAINING MATTERS**

To consider any issues arising from the recent joint training event for Standards Committees.

**9. THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

To note the programme for the Third Annual assembly of Standards Committees to be held at ICC Birmingham on 13 – 14 September, 2004. A copy of the advance programme is enclosed separately for Members.

**10. COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2004/05**

To consider the following suggested dates for the forthcoming year. Additional dates are likely to be necessary to deal with any cases that are referred to the Committee by the Standards Board for England for investigation:-

18 June 2004  
8 October 2004  
3 December 2004  
18 February 2005

**11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the next item will not be, or is likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time it is 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.

**12. DETERMINATIONS BY THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND 2002** 27 - 30

To inform the Committee of current investigations by the Standards Board for England concerning the County.

**Wards: County-wide**

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