

# A G E N D A

## Standards Committee

Date: **Friday, 4th February, 2005**

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Time: **2.00 p.m.**

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Place: **COMMITTEE ROOM 1, SHIRE  
HALL, ST OWEN STREET,  
HEREFORD**

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

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**County of Herefordshire  
District Council**



# AGENDA

## for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

To: Robert Rogers (Independent Member)(Chairman)

Councillors P.E. Harling and J.W. Edwards, Richard Gething, John Hardwick,  
P.E. Harling and David Stevens

David Stevens (Independent Member)

Richard Gething (Parish Council Representative)

John Hardwick (Parish Council Representative)

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<p>1. <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>2. <b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2004, and the notes of the hearing held on 14 January 2005.</p> <p><b>Note: The information relating to 14 January 2005 will follow shortly.</b></p>	1 - 4
<p>3. <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
<p>4. <b>DISCUSSION WITH MR P. HOEY OF THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND</b></p> <p>Mr P. Hoey will speak about the Standards Board for England and its current priorities, and will take any questions from the Committee and members of the Public.</p>	
<p>5. <b>APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>To consider applications for dispensations received from any town or parish councils.</p> <p><b>Wards: County-wide</b></p>	
<p>6. <b>COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE 10TH REPORT: "GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT"</b></p> <p>To consider the recommendations of the Committee's 10th inquiry on implementing standards of conduct on public life.</p> <p><b>Wards: County-wide</b></p>	5 - 10
<p>7. <b>LOBBY GROUPS, DUAL-HATTED MEMBERS AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b></p> <p>To consider the attached report on guidance for Members from the Standards Board for England.</p>	11 - 14

**Wards: County-wide**

**Note: The guidance booklet has been sent to you with this agenda. Please bring your copy to the meeting.**

**8. PUBLIC INTEREST REPORT - KINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** 15 - 18

To consider an updated report in respect of Kington Town Council.

**Wards: Kington**

**9. TERMS OF OFFICE OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS** 19 - 20

To note the current terms of office of individual members.

**Wards: County-wide**

**10. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2005/06**

To agree a programme of meetings.

**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.

**11. HEARING ON 4 MARCH 2005**

To consider the arrangements for the hearing.

**This item discloses information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (other than the Authority).**

**12. DETERMINATIONS BY THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND 2004** 21 - 24

To update the Committee about determinations by the Standards Board for England in 2004/2005 concerning the County.

**This item discloses information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (other than the Authority).**