

A G E N D A

Standards Committee

Date: **Friday 17 February 2006**

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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**County of Herefordshire
District Council**

AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

To: Robert Rogers (Chairman)(Independent Member)

Councillors John Edwards and John Stone

David Stevens (Independent Member)

Richard Gething (Parish and Town Council Representative)

John Hardwick (Parish and Town 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 02 December 2005.	5 - 8
4. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS To consider any applications for dispensations received from parish or town councils. Wards: County Wide	9 - 12
5. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE FUTURE To seek the Committee's views on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's response to recent reports and consultations from the Committee on Standards in Public Life, the ODPM Select Committee and the Standards Board for England. Wards: County Wide <i>Note: Please bring with you your copy of "Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future" which was circulated to you in December 2005.</i>	
6. FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES To consider attendance at this year's conference entitled "Bridging the Gap: Towards Effective Local Regulation", which will be held on 16 and 17 October 2006 at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham.	
7. WEST MERCIA INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' FORUM ON 03 FEBRUARY 2006 To receive an oral report on the meeting, which was hosted by Herefordshire Council. Wards: County Wide	

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that the next meeting of the Standards Committee will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 21 April 2006 in the Council Chamber at Brockington. Future dates are listed below:

- Friday 07 July 2006 at 2.45 p.m.
- Friday 20 October 2006 at 2.45 p.m.
- Friday 12 January 2007 at 2.00 p.m.
- Friday 13 April 2007 at 2.00 p.m.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the following items will not be, or are likely not to 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 and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12 (A) of the Act as indicated below.

9. DETERMINATIONS BY THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

To update the Committee about determinations by the Standards Board for England concerning the County. **This report will be sent "To Follow"**.

Wards: County Wide

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

10. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING LOCAL DETERMINATION HEARING

To discuss the date and administrative arrangements for a local determination hearing.

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11. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION RECEIVED FROM A TOWN COUNCIL

To consider an application for a dispensation received from Kington Town Council.

Wards: Kington Town

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