

A G E N D A

Standards Committee

Date: **Friday, 12th January, 2007**

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 (Independent Member)(Chairman)

Councillors John Edwards and John Stone

David Stevens (Independent Member)

Richard Gething (Parish and Town Council Representative)

John Hardwick (Parish and Town Council Representative)

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<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest by members in respect of items on the agenda.</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES</p> <p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2006.</p>	1 - 6
<p>4. DISPENSATIONS REGULATIONS</p> <p>To consider the attached advice from the Standards Board for England, in relation to the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committees) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002.</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	7 - 10
<p>5. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS</p> <p>To consider any applications for dispensations received from town or parish councils.</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	11 - 12
<p>6. HEARINGS: DRAFT PROCEDURE GUIDES</p> <p>To consider a comprehensive procedure guide in respect of the hearing process (<i>TO FOLLOW</i>).</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	
<p>7. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>To consider and approve a revised draft of the Standards Committee Annual Report.</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	13 - 22

8. HEREFORDSHIRE CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

To receive an oral update from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in respect of amendments to the Code of Corporate Governance proposed by the Committee at its meeting on 20 October 2006.

Wards: County Wide

9. PURDAH PERIOD AND GUIDANCE IN RESPECT OF 2007 ELECTIONS

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To note the statutory requirements relating to Council publicity during the Purdah period, and to note the information booklet "Guide to Becoming a Herefordshire Councillor".

Wards: County Wide

10. TRAINING

To receive an oral update from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services about the current Standards Committee training programme.

Wards: County Wide

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that the next Standards Committee meeting will be held at **2.00 p.m.** on **Friday 13 April 2007** in the **Council Chamber** at **Brockington**. Future meeting dates are as follows (all on Fridays):

- 06 July 2007 at 2.00 p.m.
- 19 October 2007 at 2.00 p.m.
- 18 January 2008 at 2.00 p.m.
- 25 April 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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.

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. REFERRAL TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FROM THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

To appoint a Sub-Committee to consider matters in relation to SBE Complaint No. 15104.06.

Wards: County Wide

This item discloses information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.