

# Standards Committee

Date: **Friday, 19th October, 2007**

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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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**County of Herefordshire  
District Council**



# AGENDA

## for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

To: Robert Rogers(Independent Member)(Chairman)

Councillors John Stone and Beris Williams  
 David Stevens (Independent Member)  
 Richard Gething (Parish and Town Council Representative)  
 John Hardwick (Parish and Town Council 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 06 July 2007 ( <i>Document to follow</i> ).	
4. <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>	5 - 8
5. <b>THE COUNCIL'S PROTOCOLS AND CODES OF CONDUCT</b> To revise the Council's various protocols and codes of conduct, following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct for Local Authorities on 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 2007.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>	
6. <b>SPECIAL AUDIT INVESTIGATION AND FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE</b> To receive an oral update from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the attached reports in respect of a recent special audit investigation, and matters of financial governance.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>	9 - 30
7. <b>TRAINING UPDATE</b> To receive an oral report on training for Herefordshire Councillors and Parish and Town Councillors, and to consider the attached letter from the Standards Board for England.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>	

**8. SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

To receive an oral report from members who attended the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees held in Birmingham on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

**Wards: County Wide**

**9. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND - BULLETIN 35**

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To note the latest SBE Bulletin.

**Wards: County Wide**

**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

**10. DETERMINATIONS BY THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND**

To update the Committee about determinations by the Standards Board for England concerning Herefordshire (*Document to follow*).

**Wards: County Wide**

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

**11. APPLICATION FOR A DISPENSATION RECEIVED FROM A PARISH COUNCIL**

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To consider an application for a dispensation received from a parish council.

**Wards: Mortimer**

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