

Standards Committee

Date: **Friday, 18th January, 2008**

Time: **4.30 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 Stone and Beris Williams

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 18 October 2007.	1 - 6
4. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS To consider applications for dispensations received from parish and town councils. Wards: County Wide <i>[Note: At the time that this agenda went to print, no applications had been received. This item remains on the agenda, therefore, to consider any applications that might arrive in time for the meeting.]</i>	
5. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONTRACTUAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS To consider the Independent Review of the Council's ICT Contractual and Financial arrangements, by Mr. Ian Crookall. Wards: County Wide	7 - 54
6. CONTRACTUAL AND FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS To consider the proposed contractual and financial standing orders as a result of the recent review by Mr. Ian Crookall. Wards: County Wide	55 - 108

7. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND BULLETIN 36	109 - 118
To consider the latest bulletin from the Standards Board for England.	
Wards: County Wide	
<i>[Note: You will also need to refer to Bulletin 36 whilst viewing the next two agenda items following this one.]</i>	
8. LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	119 - 122
To consider the checklist issued by the Standards Board for England set out at pages 4 and 5 of Bulletin 36 and to consider what further actions are needed.	
Wards: County Wide	
9. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICERS REPORT	123 - 130
To consider the implications of Section 202 – 203 of the Local Government and Public Involvement Health Act 2007 regarding political restriction.	
Wards: County Wide	
10. CONSULTATION ON ORDERS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS IN ENGLAND	131 - 186
To consider a response to the consultation on local assessment issued by the Communities and Local Government office.	
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11. TRAINING ON THE NEW CODE AND AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	187 - 188
To consider training for committee members jointly with committee members from Worcestershire or Shropshire County Councils; and parish council members within Herefordshire.	
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12. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2007	189 - 192
To consider a draft Standards Committee Annual Report 2007, and to choose the cover design.	
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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

13. DETERMINATIONS BY THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

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To update the Committee about determinations by the Standards Board for England concerning Herefordshire.

Wards: County Wide