

A G E N D A

Standards Committee

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

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**



HEREFORDSHIRE
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 (Town and Parish Council Representative)
 John Hardwick (Town and Parish Council Representative)

	Pages
<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by members in respect of items on the agenda.</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2008.</p>	5 - 14
<p>4. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS To consider applications for dispensations received from parish and town councils.</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	15 - 16
<p>5. EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT AND MEMBERS/OFFICERS PROTOCOL To consider the attached amendments to the Council's Constitution in respect of members' and officers' conduct.</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	17 - 34
<p>6. TRAINING UPDATE, AND STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND PILOT PROJECT To note the progress made with standards and ethics training, and the results of a Standards Board Pilot Project, as set out in the attached report.</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	35 - 36
<p>7. LOCAL ASSESSMENT To consider an oral update on progress made towards local assessment, and any actions that are required in preparation, and to note the latest information from the Department of Communities and Local Government.</p> <p>Wards: County Wide</p>	

8. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT** 37 - 48
To consider the attached draft annual report of the Standards Committee for 2007.
9. **SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES**
To consider attendance at the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, which will be held on 13 and 14 October 2008 in Birmingham.
Wards: County Wide
10. **STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND BULLETIN 37** 49 - 58
To consider the latest bulletin from the Standards Board for England.
Wards: County Wide
11. **STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND/NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS PILOT PROJECT**
To consider an oral report in respect of a national pilot project on joint working arrangements.
Wards: County Wide
12. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**
To note the dates of forthcoming meetings, and to agree provisional dates in preparation for local assessment.
- 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** 59 - 62
To update the committee about determinations by the Standards Board for England concerning Herefordshire.
Wards: County Wide
(This item discloses information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)