AGENDA

Standards Committee

Date:	**Friday, 17th October, 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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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

To: Robert Rogers (Independent Member)(Chairman)

Richard Gething (Parish and Town Council Representative)
John Hardwick (Parish and Town Council Representative)
David Stevens (Independent Member)
John Stone (Local Authority Representative)
Beris Williams (Local Authority 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 04 July 2008.

4. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND/HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS JOINT PILOT PROJECT

To receive a presentation from the Chief Executive of HALC on the joint SBE/HALC Pilot Project, and to identify areas of involvement for the Standards Committee.

Wards: County Wide

5. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED FROM PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

To consider applications for dispensations received from parish and town councils.

Wards: County Wide

(Note: At the time that this agenda went to print, no applications had been received. If any applications for dispensations are received before the meeting, an oral report will be given.)

6.	**CONSULTATION PAPER: "COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL: REAL PEOPLE, REAL POWER CODES OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES** To consider a response to the Department of Communities and Local Government's consultation paper. **Wards: County Wide**	5 - 46
7.	**CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** To note the Council's revised Code of Corporate Governance, approved by the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee, and make any final recommendations to Council. **Wards: County Wide**	47 - 56
8.	**STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARING ARRANGEMENTS** To consider a proposed Committee and officers' guide on the arrangements for local determination hearings. **Wards: County Wide** *(Note: this report will be sent "To Follow")*	
9.	**ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS** To approve criteria for dealing with anonymous complaints received about local authority, town and parish councillors. **Wards: County Wide**	57 - 64
10.	**SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES** To receive an oral report from the members who attended the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees held at the International Conference Centre in Birmingham on 13 and 14 October 2008. **Wards: County Wide**	
11.	**STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND BULLETIN 40** To consider the latest bulletin from the Standards Board for England. **Wards: County Wide**	65 - 72

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.	**EXPERIENCE OF LOCAL FILTER CASES, AND DETERMINATIONS SO FAR** • To update the Committee about progress made with complaints about local authority, town and parish councillors during the period 08 May 2008 to the present. • To review the local filter and determinations process, and consider resource implications. **Wards: County Wide** ***(This item contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)***	73 - 96
13.	**PROCEDURES FOR RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS** To consider the appointment of independent member to the Standards Committee. **Wards: County Wide** ***(This item contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)***	97 - 108