

# A G E N D A

## Standards Committee

Date: **Friday 17 April 2009**

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Time: **2.00 pm**

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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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## Herefordshire Council



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# AGENDA

## for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

To: Robert Rogers (Independent Member) (Chairman)

Isabel Fox (Independent Member)  
 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)

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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 16 January 2009.	5 - 8
4. <b>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND / HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS JOINT PILOT PROJECT</b> To receive an oral update from Mr Richard Gething in respect of a joint SBE/HALC Pilot Project.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>	
5. <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>  <i>(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.)</i>	
6. <b>PRE-ELECTION PERIOD AND GUIDANCE FOR THE 2009 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS</b> To note the statutory requirements relating to Council publicity during the pre-election period, and to consider the proposals within the enclosed report.  <b>Wards: County Wide</b>	9 - 18

**7. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

To consider the format and deadlines for production of the 2008 Annual Report.

**Wards: County Wide**

**8. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

To consider attendance at the Eighth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, to be held at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham on 12-13 October 2009.

**9. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND BULLETIN 42**

To consider the latest bulleting from the Standards Board for England.

**Wards: County Wide**

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Standards Committee will be held on **Friday 10 July 2009 at 2.00 p.m.** in the **Council Chamber at Brockington.**

Future meeting dates are as follows (all at 2.00 p.m. on Fridays):

- 02 October 2009;
- 08 January 2010;
- 16 April 2010.

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the following items will not be, or are likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time they are 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

**11. 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 from 08 May 2008 to the present;
- To share recent experiences of the local filter and determinations process.

**This report will be sent "to follow".**

**Wards: County Wide**

***(This item contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)***

**12. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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To consider the appointment of an independent member to the Standards Committee, and to consider the Committee's wider membership in the light of developments with the local filter process.

**Wards: County Wide**

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