

AGENDA

Standards Committee

Date: **Friday 30 October 2009**

Time: **3.00 pm**

Place: **Room 18a, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford**

Notes: Please note the **time, date** and **venue** of the meeting.

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Standards Committee

Membership

Chairman

Robert Rogers

Independent Member

**Jake Bharier
Isabel Fox
Richard Gething
John Hardwick
David Stevens
John Stone
Beris Williams**

**Independent Member
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Parish and Town Council Representative
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Independent Member
Local Authority Representative
Local Authority Representative**

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

The Council's Members' Code of Conduct requires Councillors to declare against an Agenda item(s) the nature of an interest and whether the interest is personal or prejudicial. Councillors have to decide first whether or not they have a personal interest in the matter under discussion. They will then have to decide whether that personal interest is also prejudicial.

A personal interest is an interest that affects the Councillor more than most other people in the area. People in the area include those who live, work or have property in the area of the Council. Councillors will also have a personal interest if their partner, relative or a close friend, or an organisation that they or the member works for, is affected more than other people in the area. If they do have a personal interest, they must declare it but can stay and take part and vote in the meeting.

Whether an interest is prejudicial is a matter of judgement for each Councillor. What Councillors have to do is ask themselves whether a member of the public – if he or she knew all the facts – would think that the Councillor's interest was so important that their decision would be affected by it. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is. A Councillor who has declared a prejudicial interest at a meeting may nevertheless be able to address that meeting, but only in circumstances where an ordinary member of the public would be also allowed to speak. In such circumstances, the Councillor concerned will have the same opportunity to address the meeting and on the same terms. However, a Councillor exercising their ability to speak in these circumstances must leave the meeting immediately after they have spoken.

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	Pages
<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>2. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER(S) To consider the appointment of co-opted member(s) for this meeting of the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
<p>EXCLUSION OF 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.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION: that by virtue of regulation 8 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, the public be excluded for the following items of business for reasons indicated below</p>	
<p>4. LOCAL INVESTIGATION REPORT - COMPLAINT REFERENCE SC0916 To consider a report from the investigating officer detailing the results of an investigation undertaken in respect of a complaint made against a Local Authority, Town or Parish Councillor. <i>(This item contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)</i></p>	5 - 188
<p>5. LOCAL INVESTIGATION REPORT - COMPLAINT REFERENCE SC0917 To consider a report from the investigating officer detailing the results of an investigation undertaken in respect of a complaint made against a Local Authority, Town or Parish Councillor. <i>(This item contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)</i></p>	189 - 270
<p>6. LOCAL INVESTIGATION REPORT - COMPLAINT REFERENCE SC0930 To consider a report from the investigating officer detailing the results of an investigation undertaken in respect of a complaint made against a Local Authority, Town or Parish Councillor. <i>(This item contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality)</i></p>	271 - 376