



Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
Davina Fiore

County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1UD
Telephone (01983) 821000

Agenda

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Name of meeting | ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE |
| Date | MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2008 |
| Time | 6.00 PM |
| Venue | COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT |
| Members of the Committee | <p><u>Independent Members:</u></p> <p>Mr Mark Southwell (Chairman), Mr Anthony Brindle, Mr Bruce Claxton, Mr Keith Fagan, Mr George Hibberd, Mr Peter Tautz, Mrs Susan Tudor Smith</p> <p><u>Representative of Town and Parish Councils:</u></p> <p>Mr Richard Day, Mr Ron Mew, Mr Denis Russell</p> <p><u>Isle of Wight Council Members :</u></p> <p>Cllrs Mike Cunningham, Heather Humby, Muriel Miller, Erica Oulton</p> <p>Any other member of the Council may attend the meeting and may speak with the permission of the Chairman provided that notification has been given to the Committee Services section before the commencement of the meeting, such notification to detail which items the member is attending for.</p> <p>Committee Administrator: Julie Martin, telephone 823281 email julie.martin@iow.gov.uk</p> |

1. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on [15 September 2008](#) (Paper A).



Details of this and other Council committee meetings can be viewed on the Isle of Wight Council's website at <http://www.iwight.com/council/meetings/meetings.asp>. The information contained in this agenda is available in Braille, large print, tape and community languages. Please contact Julie Martin, telephone 823281 for details.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. **Update from the Chairman**

To receive updates from the Chairman on any matters since the last meeting.

4. **Report of the Independent Chairman of the Ethical Standards Committee**

Standards Board for England Annual Conference - October 2008 ([Paper B](#))

5. **Reports of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer**

- (a) Consultation on the Proposed Legislative Changes around the Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees ([Paper C1](#))
- (b) Draft Annual Report - layout ([Paper C2](#))
- (c) Initial Assessment Review and Report Back ([Paper C3](#))

6. **Updates from Monitoring Officer**

The Monitoring Officer to update members' on matters from the Standards Board for England. This may involve, if a confidential matter is likely to be discussed, the Committee passing a resolution to exclude the public and press for some or all of this item.

7. **Workplan**

| <i>Meeting</i> | <i>Agenda Item</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Monday, 19 January 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standards Board Bulletin• Feedback to Parishes |
| Monday, 16 March 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Report• Standards Board Bulletin |
| Standing items | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on Standards Board activity including guidance; statistics; analysis; case reports. |
| Other meetings as necessary | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allegations referred by the Standards Board for England and Wales for local determination.• Requests for dispensations.• Urgent ethical and probity issues as they arise. |

DAVINA FIORE
Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer

Personal and Prejudicial Interests

A Member has a Personal Interest when the item to be considered is likely to affect any interests already declared in the Member's Register of Financial and other Interests, or the Member generally or members of their family or a close associate, more than other Council Tax Payers in their Ward.

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends the meeting at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent. Having declared the personal interest the Member can remain, debate and vote on the matter.

A member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described above **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described above. Having declared a prejudicial interest you must take no part in the consideration of the matter and **MUST** leave the room (including the public gallery).

More detailed guidance is available from the Code of Conduct or the Monitoring Officer