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Agenda

Name of meeting

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date

MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2007

Time

6.00 PM

Venue

COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

Members of the
Committee

Independent Members:

Mr M Southwell (Chairman), Capt A Brindle, Mr B Claxton, Mr K Fagan,
Mr G Hibberd, Mr P Tautz, Mrs S Tudor Smith

Representative of Town and Parish Councils:

Mr D Russell, Mr R Mew (1st Deputy), Mr R Day (2nd Deputy)

Isle of Wight Council Members :

Cllrs Mike Cunningham, Heather Humby

Deputies: Cllrs Muriel Miller (1st Deputy), Erica Oulton (2nd Deputy) (Are invited to attend but if there is a vote only the first two Isle of Wight Council members (or their deputies) can vote.)

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.

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1. **Minutes**

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on [17 September 2007](#) (Paper A).

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. **Reports of the Interim Director of Legal and Democratic Services**

(a) Ethical Audit Action Plan ([Paper B1](#))

(b) Elected Member Development ([Paper B2](#))

(c) Programme for the Implementation of Various Aspects of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Local Mechanisms for Dealing with Local Hearings and Filtering

The Bill has now been approved but we are awaiting detailed guidance from the Standards Board on the mechanisms for Dealing with Local Hearings and Filtering. Consultation on this has been promised "soon".

(d) Feedback from the Annual Conference in Birmingham ([Paper B3](#))

(e) Feedback on Training on Code of Conduct ([Paper B4](#))

5. **Workplan**

Meeting

Agenda Item

Monday,
21 January 2008

- Report back Appointments to Outside Bodies
- Review of Contract Standing Orders
- Local Mechanisms for Dealing with Local Hearings and Filtering
- Consideration of the Draft Annual Report

Monday
17 March 2008

- First Report on an Induction Pack for New (Elected) Members
- Staff Survey Update

- Standing items
 - Report on Standards Board activity including guidance; statistics; analysis; case reports.

- Other meetings as necessary
 - Allegations referred by the Standards Board for England and Wales for local determination.

 - Requests for dispensations.

 - Urgent ethical and probity issues as they arise.

6. **Update from the 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. **Exclusion of Public And Press**

To consider passing a resolution that, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, namely Agenda item number 8, on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

8. **Update from the Monitoring Officer**

Investigation Report (Paper C)

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