

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

22nd January 2007

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Dear Councillor

12th January 2007

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on **Monday 22nd January 2007 at 7.00pm** in Committee Rooms C & D, Level -1, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

Yours sincerely

John Watling
Policy & Democratic Services Team Leader

District Councillors: P. J. Goldstone, J. R. Ireland, G. Offord and C. Reid
Town / Parish Members: G. Yates and J. R. Scragg
Independent Members: J. Carine and R. Philpott

To all other Councillors for information.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

To receive public questions and / or petitions in accordance with Council Procedure Rules Numbers 11 and 12.

3. Minutes

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 24th July 2006 (**copy attached**).

4. Chairman's Announcements (if any)

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any item contained on this Agenda.

6. Ken Livingstone Vs The Adjudication Panel for England

The purpose of Report No.6 (**copy attached**) is to present guidance from the Standards Board for England relating to the implications of Ken Livingstone Vs The Adjudication Panel for England case.

7. Notes of the Independent Member's Forum

To consider the Notes of the Independent Member's Forum meeting held on the 27th October 2006 (copy attached as Report No.7).

8. Implications of Unitary Authority Status

The purpose of this item is to consider the possible application by Wiltshire County Council for Unitary Authority status and the possible implications for the Standards Committee in advising how its responsibilities continue with particular regard to the Town and Parish Councils.

9. Codes & Protocols Contained Within the Council's Constitution

The purpose of Report No.9 (**copy attached**) is to inform Members of the Codes & Protocols contained within the Constitution of North Wiltshire District Council and how this compares with those contained within the Constitutions of some of our neighbouring authorities.

10. Bulletin from the Standards Board for England

Bulletin No.30 from the Standards Board for England is (**attached as Report No.10**) for consideration.

11. Review of the Code of Conduct

This item was scheduled in the Committee's Work Plan to coincide with expected Government proposals. To date the Government has not yet published its proposals for changes to the Code of Conduct.

12. Review of Terms of Reference

To consider the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee (**copy attached as Report No.12**).

13. Decision of the Standards Committee Hearing to determine SBE Complaint No.14558.06 and No.14559.06.

To note the decision of the Standards Committee Hearing (**copy attached as Report No.13**).

14. Standards Committee Membership

The purpose of Report No.14 (**copy attached**) is to review the composition of the Standards Committee.