

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

---

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on  
Thursday, 12th July, 2007  
at 2.00 pm

---

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Independent Members

Mike Wilkinson (Chair)	(Independent Member)
C Grant	(Independent Member)
Rosemary Greaves	(Independent Member)

#### Councillors

JL Carter  
J Elliott  
G Kirkland  
E Nash  
L Russell

#### Parish Members

Councillor Mrs P Walker	Pool in Wharfedale Parish Council
Councillor John C Priestley	East Keswick Parish Council

# A G E N D A

Item No	Ward	Item Not Open		Page No
1			<p><b>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</b></p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)</p>	
2			<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC</b></p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p>	
3			<p><b>LATE ITEMS</b></p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b></p> <p>To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members' Code of Conduct</p>	
5			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Standards Committee meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 and consider any matters arising.</p>	1 - 10
6			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>To note the minutes of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007.</p>	11 - 18

Item No	Ward/Equal Opportunities	Item Not Open		Page No
7			<p><b>ETHICAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) seeking approval of the final action plan arising from the Ethical Audit 2006.</p>	19 - 38
8			<p><b>AMENDMENT TO CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Chief Planning Officer and Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) proposing that the Committee review the Code of Practice for Determining Planning Applications with a view to the Code being amended to require, as a matter of best practice, the attendance of Plans Panel Members at the site visit and throughout the whole consideration of an application.</p>	39 - 60
9			<p><b>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND: BULLETIN 33</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) informing Members of the Committee of the latest Standards Board Bulletin published in May 2007.</p>	61 - 72
10			<p><b>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND ROADSHOW</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) regarding the Standards Board for England Roadshow event which took place in Leeds on 7<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	73 - 76
11			<p><b>ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND - DECISIONS OF CASE TRIBUNALS</b></p> <p>To note a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) detailing recent decisions by the Adjudication Panel's Case Tribunals in respect of allegations of misconduct, and consider if there are any lessons to be learnt for Leeds.</p>	77 - 82

Item No	Ward/Equal Opportunities	Item Not Open		Page No
12			<p><b>COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND IN THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2006 TO MARCH 2007</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) detailing the number of complaints referred to the Standards Board for England in relation to Members of Leeds City Council and local Parish or Town Councillors within the area, and the outcome of those complaints.</p>	83 - 92
13			<p><b>MEMBERS' INDUCTION PERIOD 2007</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on whether the relevant timescales have been complied with, and providing details of the training provided to Leeds City Council Members and Parish and Town Council Members on the Code of Conduct.</p>	93 - 100
14			<p><b>STUDY INTO THE OPERATION AND ROLE OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES WITHIN LOCAL AUTHORITIES</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the results from the BMG Research and Standards Board for England questionnaires distributed in September 2006 which sought the opinions of monitoring officers and members of standards committees regarding their roles.</p>	101 - 176
15			<p><b>TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining a number of considerations regarding training for new and existing Members of the Standards Committee.</p>	177 - 188

Item No	Ward/Equal Opportunities	Item Not Open		Page No
16			<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the work programme for the rest of the 2007-08 municipal year.</p>	189 - 196