

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on  
Tuesday, 1st July, 2008  
at 2.00 pm

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### Independent Members

Mike Wilkinson (Chair)	(Independent Member)
Rosemary Greaves	(Independent Member)
Philip Turnpenny	(Independent Member)

#### Councillors

D Blackburn  
C Campbell  
J L Carter  
J Elliott  
E Nash

#### 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

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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> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p><b>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p><b>RESOLVED –</b> That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p>	

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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 meeting held on 14th April 2008 and consider any matters arising.</p>	1 - 6
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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008.</p>	7 - 22
7			<p><b>COMPLAINTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Chief Officer (Customer Services) outlining that the actions of the Standards Committee's Sub-Committees now fall into the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman, and what actions may lead to a finding of maladministration. Also to outline the revised working arrangements between the Ombudsman and the Monitoring Officer in relation to these complaints.</p>	23 - 26

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8			<p><b>POLITICALLY RESTRICTED POSTS</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Chief Officer (Human Resources) outlining the current situation in relation to politically restricted posts in Leeds, and the implications and initial proposals for the Standards Committee (subject to final regulations being published).</p>	27 - 34
9		10.4(1, 2, 7c)	<p><b>LOCAL INVESTIGATION INTO A COMPLAINT AGAINST A MEMBER REFERENCE SBE 19277.07</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Chief Officer (Legal, Licensing and Registration) setting out the final findings of an investigation into an allegation of misconduct.</p>	35 - 68
10			<p><b>PROCESS FOR THE RECEIPT, REFERRAL AND MANAGEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) proposing final arrangements for informing the public of the new process, and receiving and logging allegations.</p>	69 - 92
11			<p><b>FINAL PROPOSALS FOR THE LOCAL ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS</b></p> <p>To receive and consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining final proposals for the Standards Committee's new role in determining allegations of misconduct, including proposed amendments to the Constitution and revised arrangements for the operation of the Committee.</p>	93 - 196
12			<p><b>MEMBERS INDUCTION PERIOD 2008</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) regarding new Members' declaration of acceptance of office, Register of Members' Interests, and training for Members during the induction period.</p>	197 - 208

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13			<p><b>REVIEW OF THE MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the results of a review of the Members' Register of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality for the year 2007/08.</p>	209 - 222
14			<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 made by the Adjudication Panel's Case Tribunals in respect of allegations of misconduct, and to consider if there are any lessons to be learnt for Leeds.</p>	223 - 228
15			<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the contents of the work programme for the rest of the 2008/09 municipal year.</p>	229 - 236