

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Tuesday, 16th December, 2008
at 2.00 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Members

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

Councillors

D Blackburn
C Campbell
JL 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

Item No	Ward	Item Not Open		Page No
1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</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>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</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>RESOLVED – 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>	

Item No	Ward/Equal Opportunities	Item Not Open		Page No
3			<p>LATE ITEMS</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>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</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>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 16th October 2008.</p>	1 - 4
6			<p>MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</p> <p>To note the minutes of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee meetings held on 29th September 2008, 22nd October 2008 and 26th November 2008.</p>	5 - 18
7			<p>ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2007/08 MUNICIPAL YEAR</p> <p>To receive a report of the Chief Planning Officer providing information to Members in relation to the monitoring requirements of the Code of Practice for Determining Planning Matters.</p>	19 - 38
8			<p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the issues with the current membership of the Standards Committee, and presenting proposals to address these issues.</p>	39 - 50

Item No	Ward/Equal Opportunities	Item Not Open		Page No
9			<p>THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE ADJUDICATION PANEL WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING A REFERENCE FROM A STANDARDS COMMITTEE</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) regarding the guidance on the circumstances in which the Adjudication Panel would consider accepting a reference from a Standards Committee.</p>	51 - 58
10			<p>ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND: DECISIONS OF CASE TRIBUNALS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) providing summaries of recent decisions made by the Adjudication Panel for England in its role of determining allegations of misconduct.</p>	59 - 72
11			<p>REVIEW OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEDIA PROTOCOL</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) reviewing and seeking approval of the proposed amendments to the Standards Committee Media Protocol, in the light of the introduction of the Local Assessment regime.</p>	73 - 80
12			<p>CONSULTATION ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) advising the Standards Committee of the Communities and Local Government consultation paper published on 1st October 2008, and inviting comments from the Standards Committee on the questions posed in the consultation paper.</p>	81 - 138

Item No	Ward/Equal Opportunities	Item Not Open		Page No
13			<p>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) advising Members of the Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees which took place on 13th & 14th October 2008 at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Birmingham.</p>	139 - 150
14			<p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</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>	151 - 156