

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Thursday, 15th October, 2009
at 2.00 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Members

Mike Wilkinson (Chair)	(Independent Member)
Joanne Austin	(Independent Member)
Rosemary Greaves	(Independent Member)
Philip Turnpenny	(Independent Member)
Gordon Tollefson	(Reserve Independent Member)

Councillors

D Blackburn
C Campbell
JL Carter
RD Feldman
R Gettings
J Harper
B Selby

Parish Members

Councillor Mrs P Walker	Pool in Wharfedale Parish Council
Councillor John C Priestley	East Keswick Parish Council
Councillor Paul Cook	Morley Town Council

A G E N D A

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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>	

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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 19th August 2009.</p>	1 - 4
6			<p>MINUTES OF THE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</p> <p>To note the minutes of the Assessment Sub-Committee meetings held on 14th August, 27th August and 21st September 2009.</p>	5 - 12
7			<p>MINUTES OF THE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE</p> <p>To note the minutes of the Review Sub-Committee meeting held on 14th August 2009.</p>	13 - 14
8			<p>POLITICALLY RESTRICTED POSTS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Chief Officer (Human Resources) providing further information and clarification in relation to Politically Restricted Posts, as requested by the Standards Committee at its meeting held on 19th August 2009.</p>	15 - 28

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9			<p>OFFICER CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>To receive a report of the Chief Officer (Human Resources) informing Members of the current position on the proposed national Officer Code of Conduct, and proposed amendments to Leeds City Council's Officer Code of Conduct.</p>	29 - 54
10			<p>CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF LICENSING MATTERS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) recommending that the Code of Practice for the Determination of Licensing Matters is amended to include the Protocol for Licensing Site Visits.</p>	55 - 74
11			<p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) asking the Committee to approve the proposed amendments to the Standards Committee Procedure Rules.</p>	75 - 116
12			<p>PROCEDURE FOR EXTERNAL CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) notifying Members of the Standards Committee of a procedure for external Code of Conduct investigations which has recently been drafted.</p>	117 - 190
13			<p>COMPULSORY TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) proposing the introduction of compulsory training in relation to the local assessment regime for Members of the Standards Committee.</p>	191 - 202

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14			<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>	203 - 230
15			<p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the contents of the draft work programme for the remainder of the 2009/10 municipal year.</p>	231 - 238