

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on  
Thursday, 22nd April, 2010  
at 2.00 pm

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### 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><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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.</p>	1 - 6
6			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>To note the minutes of the Assessment Sub-Committee meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.</p>	7 - 10
7			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>To note the minutes of the Review Sub-Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010.</p>	11 - 12
8			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE CONSIDERATION SUB-COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>To note the minutes of the Consideration Sub-Committee meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 26<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.</p>	13 - 20

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9			<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 10<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010.</p>	21 - 32
10			<p><b>CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p>To receive the Chair's opening remarks.</p>	
11			<p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHRONICLE (LGC) AWARDS 2010: STANDARDS AND ETHICS</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) notifying Members of the Standards Committee that Leeds City Council has been successful in its entry for this year's LGC Awards 2010 'Standards and Ethics' category.</p>	33 - 36
12			<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) reviewing the Standards Committee Procedure Rules and making proposals for amendments in light of any issues that have arisen throughout the year.</p>	37 - 66
13			<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE TRAINING PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) seeking to address some outstanding issues and concerns raised by Members of Standards Committee at the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 regarding the changes to the Standards Committee Training Programme, and proposing some further amendments to address these issues.</p>	67 - 88

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14			<p><b>STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND'S REVIEW OF THE LOCAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) summarising the results of the recent review of the proportionality and effectiveness of the local standards framework carried out by Standards for England.</p>	89 - 136
15			<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) seeking comments on the draft Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10.</p>	137 - 174
16			<p><b>FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL (LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS IN ENGLAND) - DECISIONS OF CASE TRIBUNALS</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) providing summaries of recent decisions made by the First-Tier Tribunal (Local Government Standards in England) in its role of determining allegations of misconduct.</p>	175 - 190
17			<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 draft work programme for the 2010/11 municipal year.</p>	191 - 198