

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Standards Agenda

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**Date:** Tuesday, 8th July, 2008  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. Appointment of Chairman (Pages 1 - 2)

To comply with the Local Government Act 2000 and the guidance provided by the Standards Board of England on composition of Committees, the Standards Committee should have a chair who is an independent Member.

Since the recruitment of the independent Members is being considered elsewhere on this Agenda, a Chairman needs to be appointed for this meeting and any subsequent ones before the independent members are in post.

Report of the Governance Group attached.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

4. Public Question time/Open Session

In accordance with Rules 11 and 35 a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relating to its work.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

(Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.)

5. Role, Responsibilities and Work Programme of the Standards Committee (Pages 3 - 10)

To receive a report on the role and functions of the Committee and the matters it must deal with leading up to 1 April 2009.

Report of the Governance Group attached.

6. Recruitment of Independent and Parish Council Standards Committee Members (Pages 11 - 22)

To agree the process for the recruitment of the Committee's Independent and Parish Council representatives.

Report of the Governance Group attached.

7. Promotion of High Standards of Ethical Behaviour (Pages 23 - 26)

To identify the initial steps to take in the promotion of high ethical standards and the associated training and awareness requirements.

Report of the Governance Group attached.

8. Future Meeting Dates

To consider the dates and times of future meetings of the Committee.