

Standards Committee

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 10th March, 2009
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: East Committee Room, Municipal Buildings, Crewe

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. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

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

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.

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009.

5. **Local Assessment Sub-Committees** (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider a report outlining how to progress the establishment of the Standards Committee's local assessment and review function in relation to allegations of misconduct and complaints received in relation to the Code of Conduct.

6. **Political Restrictions - functions of the Standards Committee** (Pages 13 - 16)

To consider a report on the implications of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 in relation to politically restricted posts.

7. **Promoting the work of the Standards Committee** (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider a report following the first meeting of the Working Group of Standards Committee that was set up to discuss ways and means of promoting the work and function of the Committee and to investigate suitable media whereby such promotional material can be communicated to both Members and to the general public.

8. **Committee Work Programme and future meeting dates**

To consider the Committee's future Work Programme and future meeting dates.

9. **Training DVD**

Time will be allowed at the end of the meeting to view the Training DVD,