

# **Standards Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Tuesday, 25th November, 2008  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, 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**

In order to comply with the Local Government Act 2000, and guidance from the Standards Board for England, the Standards Committee should have a Chairman who is an Independent Member. At the meeting of the Committee on 8 July 2008 Councillor Lesley Smetham was appointed as Chairman of the Committee until such time as the Independent Members had been appointed.

The Council has now endorsed the decision of the Standards Committee Appointments Panel and five Independent Members have now been appointed. The Committee is therefore now asked to appoint a Chairman.

#### **2. Appointment of Vice Chairman**

To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Standards Committee.

#### **3. Apologies for Absence**

#### **4. 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

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5. **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.

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

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2008.

7. **Recruitment Process for Parish Council Standards Committee Members** (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider a report of the Governance Group on the ongoing recruitment process for Parish Council representatives and to make a recommendation on appointments.

8. **Code of Conduct Training for New Cheshire East Members** (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a report on the outcome of, and feedback from, the recent training of new Members on the Code of Conduct.

9. **Whistleblowing Protocol** (Pages 11 - 22)

To consider a report of the Interim Monitoring Officer on progress in respect of the adoption of a Whistleblowing Protocol.

10. **Standards Committee Website Presence** (Pages 23 - 26)

To consider a report of the Governance Group on the information to be included on the Cheshire East website.

11. **Feedback from the Annual Standards Board Conference** (Pages 27 - 28)

To receive updates and note feedback from the Standards Board Annual Conference held in Birmingham on 13 and 14 October 2008.

12. **Committee Work Programme** (Pages 29 - 30)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme for the coming months.

13. **Future Meeting Dates**

To confirm that meetings are timetabled to be held on the following dates: -

13 January 2009	11.00 am	Westfields, Sandbach
10 March 2009	time to be confirmed	Westfields, Sandbach