

# **Standards Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Monday, 29th March, 2010  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1, 2 and 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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. **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 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. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide three clear working days' notice, in writing, to enable an informed answer to be given.

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Please contact Carol Jones on 01270 686471  
E-Mail: [carol.jones@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:carol.jones@cheshireeast.gov.uk) with any apologies or requests for further information or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

5. **Pilot Compact** (Pages 7 - 12)

The Pilot Compact Working Group, which has met on several occasions, held its last meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The minutes of the meeting are attached, together with a draft Code of Conduct Compact.

6. **Member and Officer Protocol** (Pages 13 - 22)

At the previous meeting, during discussion of the "Dignity at Work" Policy, it was agreed that the Committee review the Member/Officer Protocol. An extract from the Council's Constitution is attached for consideration.

7. **Annual Report** (Pages 23 - 36)

To note the Annual Report for submission to full Council.

8. **Bribery Bill** (Pages 37 - 48)

The report of the Monitoring Officer informs Members of the content and impact of prospective legislation which aims to provide a more effective legal framework to combat bribery in the public and private sectors.

9. **Member Training**

To consider any training requirements.

Members will be aware that the Code of Conduct training arranged in March was postponed as a result of the delay in publishing the new Code of Conduct.

10. **Annual Assembly of Standards Committees**  
**(18th and 19th October 2010)**

The Monitoring Officer to report that Standards for England is now taking bookings for the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.

The Committee is reminded that Mr David Sayer (Independent Member), Councillor Rhoda Bailey and Mrs Teresa Eatough (Parish Council representative) attended the 2009 Conference which was held in Birmingham on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October.

The Committee is invited to consider if there should be representation at the 2010 Assembly.

11. **The Bulletin (No. 47)** (Pages 49 - 58)

To receive the Standards for England Bulletin No. 47.

12. **Timetable of Meetings - 2010-2011**

At its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010, Council approved its Timetable of Public Meetings for 2010-2011. Meetings of the Standards Committee are to be held on the following dates -

24<sup>th</sup> May

27<sup>th</sup> September

24<sup>th</sup> January 2011

26<sup>th</sup> July

22<sup>nd</sup> November

28<sup>th</sup> March

Cabinet Member Decision meetings have been scheduled on each Monday morning throughout the year, and for this reason, Standards Committee meetings have been re-scheduled to 2.00 pm.