

Standards Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 26th July, 2010
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1, 2 and 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 top of each report.

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

MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

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.

Members of the public should provide 3 clear working days notice, in writing, if they wish to ask a question at the meeting, in order for an informed answer to be given. It is not required to give notice of the intention to make use of public speaking provision, however, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours notice is encouraged.

Please contact Carol Jones on 01270 686471
E-Mail: 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 - 4)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2010.

5. **Local Government Ombudsman Complaints** (Pages 5 - 24)

To consider a report on a summary of the complaints dealt with by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) about Cheshire East Council for the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

6. **Training Requirements**

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer on any training requirements for Members in general and for Members of the Committee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **The Future of Standards for England and Impact upon the Standards Committee** (Pages 25 - 28)

To consider a report on the current position regarding Standards for England (SfE) and the implications for the Standards Committee.

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8. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining item on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 7C of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

9. **Complaints Received Under the Code of Conduct** (Pages 29 - 32)

To consider a report on the complaints received under the Code of Conduct.