

Standards Committee

- To:** Mrs Christine Bainton (Independent Member, in the Chair)
Cllrs Horton (Vice-Chair), Waudby, Hudson and Taylor (CYC Members)
Mr A L Dixon, Mr M R Hall and Mr D Wilson (Independent Members)
Cllrs Crawford, Mellors and Forster (Parish Council Members)
- Date:** Friday, 25 June 2010
- Time:** 3.00 pm
- Venue:** The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

- 1. Declarations of Interest**
At this point, Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.
- 2. Minutes** (Pages 3 - 14)
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 22 January 2010.
- 3. Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 15 - 20)
To approve and sign the minutes of the following meetings of the Standards Committee Sub-Committees:
 - Assessment Sub-Committee – meetings held on 28 January 2010 and 30 April 2010;
 - Review Sub-Committee – meeting held on 30 April 2010.

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak, regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the remit of the Standards Committee, may do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00 pm on Thursday, 24 June 2010**.

5. Annual Monitor of Member Training and Development (Pages 21 - 32)

This report, originally due to come before Standards Committee in April, summarises feedback received from Members in relation to the core programme of Training and Development for 2009/2010, which has now come to a close.

6. Future of the Current Standards Regime (Pages 33 - 34)

This report considers the future of the Standards Committee in the light of Government proposals to 'abolish the Standards Board regime'.

7. Guidance on Blogging (Pages 35 - 38)

This report draws the Committee's attention to a guide for Members on blogging and social networking produced by Standards for England.

8. Cases before the First Tier Tribunal (Pages 39 - 44)

This report identifies some key messages from cases which have been decided recently by the First Tier Tribunal.

9. Plans/work undertaken to promote the Code

To receive a verbal update from the Chair on work recently undertaken and planned within the City of York Council to promote the Code of Conduct.

10. Review of Work Plan (Pages 45 - 46)

To review the work plan for the Standards Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year. A copy of the Committee's last work plan for 2009/10, approved in January 2010, is attached for information.

11. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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