

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, 28 August 2009
- 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 - 8)
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 26 June 2009.
- 3. 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 27 August 2009.**

4. Standards Board for England - Change of Name

To receive a verbal update from the Chair on the decision of the Standards Board for England to change its operating name to 'Standards for England'.

5. Full Council - Feedback from Chair

To receive feedback from the Chair on the meeting of Full Council which she attended on 9 July 2009.

6. Review of the Protocol on Officer/Member Relations: Reference Back from Council (Pages 9 - 26)

This report asks members to re-consider the draft Protocol on Officer / Member Relations, which has been referred back to the Standards Committee by Full Council for further revisions.

7. The Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Review Year Ending 31 March 2009 (Pages 27 - 42)

This report highlights the recently received Annual Review from the Local Government Ombudsman, which sets out data on complaints against City of York Council that have been processed by the Ombudsman during the 12 Months up to 31st March 2009.

8. Member Development Steering Group (Pages 43 - 50)

This report informs members of the formation of a Member Development Steering Group, with a reporting line to the Standards Committee, and gives details of the Group's work to date.

9. Guidance on 'other action' (Pages 51 - 66)

To discuss any issues arising from new guidance on 'other action' recently issued by the Standards Board for England and circulated to members of the Standards Committee on 2 July 2009. A copy of the guidance is attached for reference.

10. Induction Pack for Independent Members

To discuss whether an induction pack should be provided for new Independent members of the Standards Committee and, if so, what it should contain.

11. Review of Work Plan

(Pages 67 - 68)

To review the Standards Committee's work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year. The latest revised version of the plan is attached.

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

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