



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 PM

GADE ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Ayling
Councillor Flint
Councillor Mrs Green (Chairman)

Councillor Rance
Councillor Wood

Substitute Members: Councillor C Wyatt-Lowe and Councillor Harris

Co-opted Representatives of the Parish and Town Councils:

Councillor Collins (Berkhamsted Town Council Member),
Councillor McCarthy (Aldbury Parish Council Member)

Independent Co-opted Representative

Amy Willcox

Also invited to attend:

Rachel Keil (Independent Person)

The Assistant Director (Chief Executive's Unit) and Monitoring Officer
Member Support Officer

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1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2014 (attached at Appendix A).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report to follow

4. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

Thursday 11 June 2015

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

To consider passing a resolution in the following terms:

That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during the item in Part II of the Agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to:

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4 DECEMBER 2014

Present -

MEMBERS:

Borough Councillors: Councillor Mrs Green (Chairman), Councillors Ayling, Mrs Flint and C Wyatt-Lowe (Substitute Member).

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES:

Councillor McCarthy (Aldbury Parish Council)
Councillor Collins (Berkhamsted Town Council)

INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rachel Keil (Independent Person)

OFFICERS:

Steven Baker, Assistant Director (Chief Executive's Unit) and Monitoring Officer, Mark Brookes, Group Manager (Legal Governance); Kayley Johnston and Pauline Bowles, Members Support Officers

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 were confirmed by the Members present and were then signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Rance and Amy Wilcox (Independent Co-Opted Representative).

3. REVIEW TRAINING FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The training session was introduced by Steven Baker. It was based around a completely fictitious complaint made by an officer against a member of Dacorum Borough Council. Members were asked to consider how they would approach

conducting a hearing into the complaint. Mark Brookes, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, also attended to speak about his investigation report and to take questions by Members.

Members were asked, in consultation with the Independent Person, to arrive at a decision as to whether or not the Councillor involved had failed to follow the Code of Conduct and, if so, the reasons for their decision and what action, if any, should be taken against the Councillor.

The Corporate Objective of the session was as follows:

The promotion and maintenance high standards of conduct by Members of the Council will assist the Council in achieving its priorities of performance excellence and reputation and profile delivery.

Evaluation sheets were given out to the Members present and will be considered by the Member Development Steering Group.

The Chairman thanked Steven Baker and Mark Brookes for an interesting session and for the work involved in its preparation.

4. DATE OF NEXT STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the following date be noted:

Thursday 5 March 2015

The meeting ended at 21:04 pm.