



Public Document Pack Standards Agenda

Thursday 10 March 2016 at 7.30 pm

DBC Gade Room - Civic Centre

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.

Membership

Councillor Taylor (Chair)
Councillor Fisher
Councillor Matthews

Councillor Maddern
Councillor Tindall

Substitute Members:

Councillors C Wyatt-Lowe

Co-Opted Representatives of the Parish and Town Councils:

Councillor Crawford's (Markyate Parish Town Council Member),
Councillor Wilkins (Tring Town Council Member)

Independent Co-opted Representative

Brendan Henry
John Ebdon
Rachel Keil, Independent Person

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

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AGENDA

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 4)

To confirm the minutes from the previous meeting

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence

3. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Cllr Taylor to give an update

4. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Taylor to give an update

5. PERSONAL USE OF DBC EQUIPMENT

Cllr Taylor to give an update

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.

Thursday 9 June 2016

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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:

Local Government Finance Act 1972, Part VA, Schedule 12A, Part 1 paragraph 3.

8. INVESTIGATION REPORT - PART 2 (Pages 5 - 29)

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

17 September 2015

Present -

MEMBERS:

Borough Councillors: Cllr Taylor (Chairman) Maddern, Matthews and Tindall.

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES:

Councillor McCarthy (Aldbury Parish Council)

INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES

John Ebdon and Brendan Henry

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rachel Keil (Independent Person)

OFFICERS:

Steven Baker, Assistant Director (Chief Executive's Unit)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2015 were confirmed by the Members present and were then signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

3. TRAINING FOR MEMBERS ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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. Mr Baker introduced several discussion points as the hearing progressed and members were invited to give their views on a number of procedural aspects.

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 of high standards of conduct by Members of the Council will assist the Council in achieving its priorities of performance excellence and enhancing its reputation and accountability.

Action: None

Outcome: Report was noted.

4. DATE OF NEXT STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 10 December 2015

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

None

The meeting ended at: 9.30pm

Agenda Item 8

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