

STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 4.30 pm at the
Council Chamber, West Somerset House, Williton**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive and record any declarations of interest in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

3. **Public Participation**

The Chairman to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public wishing to speak at this meeting there are a few points you might like to note.

A three-minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue. There will be no further opportunity for comment at a later stage. Your comments should be addressed to the Chairman and any ruling made by the Chair is not open to discussion. If a response is needed it will be given either orally at the meeting or a written reply made within five working days of the meeting.

4. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2011 – **SEE ATTACHED.**

5. **Training for Town and Parish Councils**

Further to Minute No. S12, the Monitoring Officer to report that two training sessions have been organised for Clerks and Councillors of Town and Parish Councils to be held at West Somerset House on Wednesday 12 October 2011 at 6.30pm and Tuesday 18 October 2011 at 2.30pm.

6. **Hearing Panel held on 12 July 2011**

The Monitoring Officer to report that, following the Hearing Panel held on 12 July 2011, a sanction was imposed of one to one training on the Code of Conduct should be undertaken by Minehead Town Councillor Terry Venner, and that such training was satisfactorily undertaken on Wednesday 24 August 2011.

For information there are currently no outstanding formal complaints in the Local Assessment Process.

7. **Meeting between the West Somerset Standards Committee and West Somerset Council**

The Monitoring Officer to report on the meeting held on 6 October 2011.

8. Future of the Local Standards Framework

To consider Report No. WSC 123/11, prepared by Bruce Lane, Monitoring Officer – **COPY ATTACHED.**

The Purpose of the Report is to provide an update on the latest position in regard to the Localism Bill and its impact on the future of the Local Standards Framework.

9. Review of the Council's Constitution

To consider Report No. WSC 124/11, prepared by Bruce Lane, Monitoring Officer – **COPY ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with the opportunity of assisting the Council in ensuring that the West Somerset Council's Constitution is fit for purpose.

10. Monitoring Officers Update

To consider a progress report from the Monitoring Officer on activities undertaken since the last meeting – **SEE ATTACHED.**

11. Standards Committee Workplan 2011/2012

To consider setting the Standards Committee Workplan for 2011/2012 – **COPY ATTACHED.**

12. Date of the Next Meeting

The Monitoring Officer to advise that the date of the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to commence at 4.30pm on the 13 December 2011.