

STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 4.30 pm at the
Council Chamber, West Somerset House, Williton**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Appointment of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

4. **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

To elect a Vice Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **Minutes**

To note the minutes of the last meeting of the Standards Committee held on 19 June 2012 – **SEE ATTACHED.**

8. **Composition of Committee and Appointment of Independent Person**

A report relating to this matter which was considered at the meeting of the Council held on 19 September 2012 is **ATTACHED**; the Monitoring Officer will update the Committee in this matter at the meeting.

9. **The Localism Act 2011 – Implementing the new Ethical Standards Regime**

To consider a report No. WSC126/12, prepared by the Monitoring Officer – **SEE ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is for the Committee to receive an update on progress in regard to implementing the new standards regime, considered for comment and endorse additional documentation supporting the new complaints process and comment on proposed training material.

10. Monitoring Officer's Update

To consider a progress report from the Monitoring Officer on activities undertaken during the months of June, July and August 2012 – **SEE ATTACHED.**

11. Dates of Future Meetings

4 December 2012, 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, West Somerset House

5 March 2012, 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, West Somerset House

Note: other 'meetings' of the Committee may be convened to act as consultee with the Monitoring Officer when undertaking an initial assessment in response to the receipt of any formal complaints relating to allegations of a breach of the Code of Conduct.