

STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Tuesday 13 March 2012 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 13 December 2011 – **SEE ATTACHED.**

5. Resignation of Committee Member

The Monitoring Officer to report that Councillor J Sawyer has tendered his resignation as a Parish Council Member of the Committee with effect from 29 February 2012 as he is moving out of the area.

6. The Localism Act, 2011 – Preparing for the Implementation of the New Ethical Standards Regime

To consider Report No. WSC45/12, prepared by Bruce Lang, Monitoring Officer – **SEE ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is for the Committee to consider making recommendations to the West Somerset Council to assist preparations for the implementation of the new ethical standards regime in the light of the Localism Act, 2011.

7. Monitoring Officers Update

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

8. **Date of the Next Meeting**

The Monitoring Officer to advise that this is the last scheduled meeting of the Committee for the current municipal year and that a provisional date for the next meeting is 19 June 2012 at 4.30pm.

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED TO CHECK THEIR POST TRAYS