

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A MEETING of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in the Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton on 12 November 2014 at 6.00pm

KEVIN FINAN

Chief Executive
4 November 2014

Membership:

Councillors: R M Deed (Chairman), R J Chesterton, Mrs F J Colthorpe, R Evans, Mrs L J Holloway, C Slade, Mrs M E Squires, P F Williams, Mrs N Woollatt

A G E N D A

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded.

1. **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS** - To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of Substitute Members (if any).
2. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item.

3. **MINUTES** – to approve the minutes of the previous meeting – 28 August 2014 (attached)
4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** – To receive any announcements the Chairman of the Committee may wish to make.
5. **MOTION 495 (COUNCILLOR D P PUGSLEY – 4 SEPTEMBER 2013)**

To consider the following Motion referred by the Council to the Standards Committee.

This Council resolves to amend the Constitution by adding the following sentence at the end of Procedure Rule 16.1:

"If in any year the Leader fails to call a debate, it may be called by notice in writing to the Chief Executive signed by any 5 members of the Council."

6. **REQUEST FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE** - Cllr Mrs J Roach has requested that the following constitutional change to Standing Order 13 be discussed by the Committee.

“If notice is given of any original motion that, in the opinion of the proper officer is out of order, illegal, irregular or improper, then the proper officer shall immediately submit such notice to the Chairman and it shall be not accepted and placed on the agenda without his sanction. In the event of non-acceptance, the proper officer shall inform the member giving notice as soon as reasonably possible”.

7. **CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP** - To receive a verbal update outlining the ongoing work of the Constitution Working Group
8. **STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE HEARINGS – JOINT WORKING WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES** – to receive a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer following correspondence with other District Councils.
9. **STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE HEARINGS** – To consider a list of sanctions open to the Committee following an Ethical Standards Hearing.
10. **COMPLAINTS** – to receive an update from the Monitoring Officer with regard to any on-going complaints being dealt with. During the discussion it may be necessary to consider passing the following resolution to protect the Members of Town and Parish Council’s being discussed.

Recommended that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from this item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to any individual

11. **TRAINING** – To consider additional training requirements for the Committee
12. **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS AND DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING** – to consider items to be discussed at the next meeting.

Note: This item is limited to 10 minutes. There should be no discussion on the items raised.

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Members of the public may also use other forms of social media to report on proceedings at this meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to discussion. Lift access to the Exe/Lowman Room on the first floor of the building is available from the main ground floor entrance. Toilet facilities, with wheelchair access, are also available. There is time set aside at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to ask questions

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