



17 November 2009

THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **Standards Committee** will be held on

26 November 2009

commencing at **2.30 p.m.**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room at the Town Hall, Torquay.

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Mr Branch

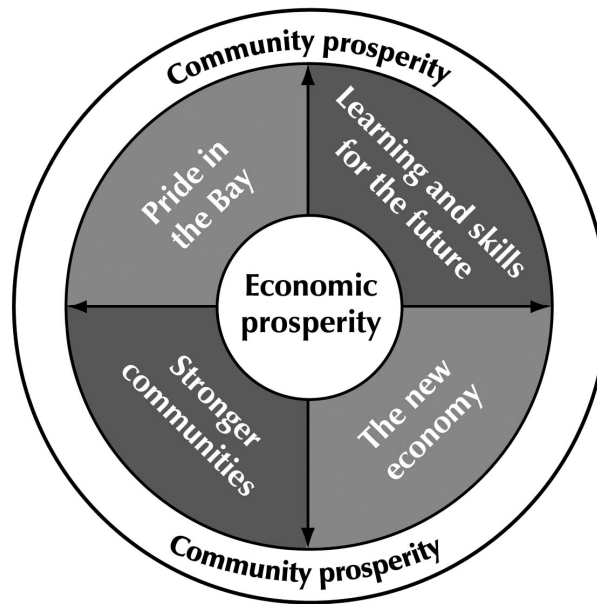
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Our corporate themes are:



NOTES

Recommendations - The Reports included on this agenda contain recommendations. These are recommendations of officers only and are prepared for the guidance of the Board in reaching its decision. The decision on each matter will be made by the Board at the meeting.

Wards - Unless otherwise indicated the items on this agenda affect all wards within Torbay.

Attendance Register - Members are asked to ensure that they sign the Attendance Register in accordance with Standing Order A21.

Personal Interests - Members and officers should indicate the nature of their personal interest and, having disclosed its existence, may remain in the meeting and speak (and, in the case of Members, vote) on the matter in question. (If the Member's interest only arises because they have been appointed to an outside body by the Council (or if the interest is as a member of another public body) then the interest need only be declared if the Member wishes to speak and/or vote on the matter.)

Personal Prejudicial Interests - A Member or an officer with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if a member of the public (with knowledge of the relevant facts) would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it is likely to influence their judgement of the public interest. Where a Member or an officer has a personal prejudicial interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. In the case of a Member with a personal prejudicial interest, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. In the case of an officer with a personal prejudicial interest, the officer may remain in the meeting and participate in the proceedings if the person presiding at the meeting (having taken advice from the Monitoring Officer) is satisfied that to do so would be in the interest of the Council or local people.

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.
2. **Minutes**
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 11 June 2009. Page 1
3. **Declarations of Interest**
 - (a) To receive declarations of personal interests in respect of items on this agenda.
 - (b) To receive declarations of personal prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda.

(**Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Democratic Services or Legal Services prior to the meeting. Definitions and procedures in relation to interests are set out at the start of the agenda.)
4. **Urgent Items**
To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.
5. **Communications**
To receive any communications or announcements from the Chairman of the Committee.
6. **Public Perception of Ethics** Page 4
To consider Report 251/2009 on research undertaken by Standards for England into the “public perceptions of ethics”.
7. **Annual Review of Past Year and Proposed Future Strategy and Work Programme** Page 22
To consider Report 252/2009 which set out the work that the Standards Committee has undertaken during the past year and the Committee’s future strategy.
8. **Gifts and Hospitality and Lobbying** Page 28
To note Report 253/2009 from the Standards Board for England.
9. **Research Report: Stakeholder Tracker 2009 (Satisfaction with the Standards Board for England and Attitudes to the Ethical Environment)** Page 32
To discuss and note Report 254/2009 produced by the Standards Board for England.

11. The Adjudication Panel

To consider Report 255/2009 on the recent outcome of Adjudication Panel decisions.

12. Assessment made Clear: Local Assessment of Complaints

To receive training through the above DVD which has been developed by Standards for England.