



3 March 2010

THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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

11 March 2010

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 Hutchinson

Mrs Faryna

Mr Branch

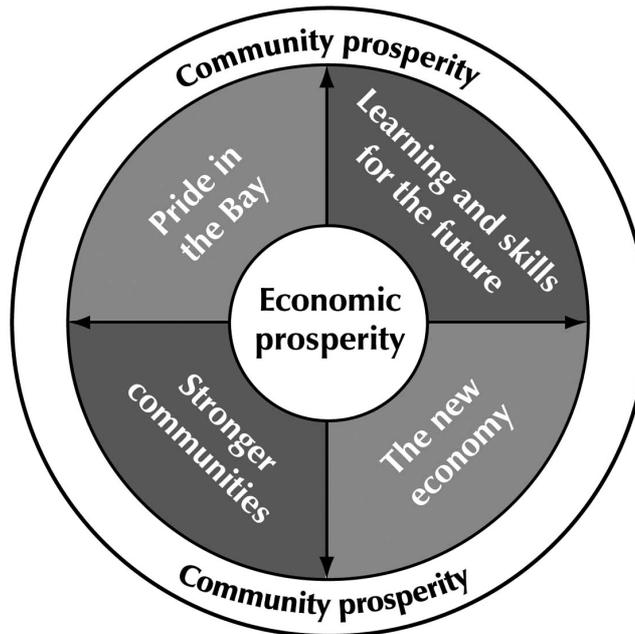
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Our corporate themes are:



NOTES

Recommendations - The Reports included on this agenda contain recommendations. These are recommendations of officers only and are prepared for the guidance of the Committee in reaching its decision. The decision on each matter will be made by the Committee 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.) They must complete a disclosure of interests form and return it to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

Personal Prejudicial Interests - A Member 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 has a personal prejudicial interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, 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. They must complete a disclosure of interests form and return it to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

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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 26 November 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. **A Brief Overview of Standards for England's Proposed New Liaison Function "Offering a Helping Hand"** Page 3
To consider Report 55/2010 on the Standards for England intentions to become more proactive with regard to how local authorities in England carry out their functions in relation to the Local Standards Framework.
7. **Local Protocol on Allegations of Misconduct by Members** Page 5
To consider Report 56/2010 and provide feedback on the Local Protocol on Allegations of Misconduct by Members.
8. **Annual Return 2010 – Guidance Notes** Page 27
To note Report 57/2010 on Guidance Notes issued by Standards for England 2010 Annual Return.
9. **Observation Reports** Page 41
To consider Report 59/2010 and to discuss how take the observations forward.

- 10. Standards Committee Work Programme 2010/11 – Discussion Topic** Page 52
To consider Report 60/2010 and to discuss the practical implications of the work plan and determine the allocation of tasks and deadlines.
- 11. The Adjudication Panel** Page 53
To consider Report 58/2010 on the recent outcome of Adjudication Panel decisions.