



Wednesday, 1 June 2011

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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

**Thursday, 9 June 2011**

commencing at **2.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus,  
Torquay, TQ1 3DR

### **Members of the Committee**

#### **Torbay Council**

Councillor Doggett Councillor Stocks

Councillor Addis Councillor McPhail

#### **Brixham Town Council**

Councillor Boote Councillor Lomas

Councillor Henderson

#### **Independent Members**

Mr Heath Mr Dalzell Mr Bastow

Mr Branch Mr Hutchinson

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Torbay Council recognises the importance of high standards of conduct and ethics from its politicians and officers. The Council strives to ensure that its politicians and officers maintain these standards when representing the Council and the people of Torbay

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# STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. **Election of Chairman/woman**  
To elect a Chairman/woman of the Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.
2. **Apologies**  
To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.
3. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**  
To appoint a Vice-Chairman/woman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.
4. **Minutes**  
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 November 2010.
5. **Declarations of interest**
  - (a) To receive declarations of personal interests in respect of items on this agenda  
  
**For reference:** Having declared their personal interest members and officers 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. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.
  - (b) To receive declarations of personal prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda  
  
**For reference:** 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. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.  
  
(**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.)

6. **Urgent items**  
To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.
7. **Communications**  
To receive any communications or announcements from the Chairman of the Committee.
8. **Terms of Reference of Standards Committee and Appointment of Standards Sub-Committees** (Pages 1 - 4)  
To consider a Report on the above.
9. **Finding Against The Council of Maladministration Causing Injustice in Relation to Bankruptcy Proceedings in Response to Council Tax Debt** (Pages 5 - 20)  
To consider a report from the Local Government Ombudsman on a finding of maladministration against the Council.
10. **Devon Wide Code** (Pages 21 - 22)  
To consider a report that seeks Members views on how they think the code of conduct should operate following the abolition of the standards regime.
11. **Standards Committee Work Programme** (Pages 23 - 26)  
To consider a report on the Standards Committee work programme.
12. **Statistics** (Pages 27 - 28)  
To consider a report on the above.
13. **Observation Reports** (Pages 29 - 40)  
To consider a report on the above.