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7th October, 2008

Dear Councillor

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 15th October, 2008 at 6.00pm

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 15th October, 2008 in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available for Members in the Members' Dining Room from 4.45pm. Please inform Joe Jablonski on the telephone number above at least 48 hours before the meeting if a meal IS NOT required or if a vegetarian or special dietary meal IS required.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's website www.dudley.gov.uk (Follow the links to Council Decision Making and Committee Information)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Poyser'.

Director of Law and Property

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

To report the appointment of any substitutes for this meeting of the Committee.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July, 2008 (copy attached).

5. ANNUAL REPORT: MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT (PAGES 1 - 6)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

6. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND: ANNUAL REVIEW 2007/8 (PAGES 7 - 11)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE 2007/2008 (PAGES 12 - 14)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

8. LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS (PAGES 15 - 37)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING POLICY (PAGES 38 - 47)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

10. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES (PAGES 48 - 56)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Proper Officer has determined that there will be no advance disclosure of the following report because the public interest in disclosing the information set out in the following item is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution: -

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below : -

Agenda Item No.	Description of Item	Relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
13	Report of Ethical Standards Officer	1 and 7A

13. REPORT OF ETHICAL STANDARDS OFFICER

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer (copy sent to Members only)

Distribution:

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