#### **South Somerset District Council**

Notice of Meeting

# **Special Standards Committee**





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Thursday 28 June 2012 4.00 p.m.

## Main Committee Room Council Offices Brympton Way Yeovil BA20 2HT

The public and press are welcome to attend.

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lan Clarke, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)





#### **Standards Committee**

#### **Councillors:**

Nigel Mermagen Anna Groskop Patrick Palmer

#### **Independent Members:**

Christopher Borland (Chairman) Peter Forrester (Vice-Chairman) Vacancy

#### **Town and Parish Council Representatives:**

Elizabeth Glaisher Godfrey Townrow Vacancy

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- 1. To promote and maintain standards of conduct across the district, for both district and parish councils.
- 2. To ensure members comply with their council's code of conduct, and other codes relevant to local government.
- 3. To advise councils on the adoption of a code of conduct for members and develop a protocol for District Council member/officer relations, and to regularly review the codes and protocol.
- 4. To oversee the development of training and support for members on issues of probity, their council's code of conduct and other relevant codes.
- 5. To oversee and make recommendations on the District Council's complaints policy and procedures, in respect of issues of probity and conduct.
- 6. To regularly review and make recommendations on the District Council's Constitution, in respect of issues of probity and conduct.
- 7. To consider and determine complaints under the members' code of conduct referred to the Committee in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.
- 8. To consider and grant requests for dispensations under the members' code of conduct in accordance with the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009, Part 4, Dispensations

Note: the powers of the Committee apply in respect of the district and parish councils, except where stated.

## Standards Committee 28 June 2012

### The Agenda

1.	Minutes
	The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2012.
2.	Apologies for Absence
3.	Declarations of Interest
	Members of the Committee are asked to declare any interests that they may have in any items on the agenda.
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4.	CONFIDENTIAL - Exclusion of Press and Public1
5.	Investigation Carried Out Pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2000 (Confidential)1

#### 4. **CONFIDENTIAL - Exclusion of Press and Public**

Members are asked to pass a resolution to exclude the press and public during consideration of the following items, by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A under paragraphs:

- 1, information relating to any individual, and
- 10, the deliberations of Standards Committee or of a sub-committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding on a matter referred under the provisions of section 60(2) or (3), 64(2), 70(4) or (5) or 71(2) of that Act."
- 5. Investigation Carried Out Pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2000 (Confidential)