

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority**  
**Standards Committee Meeting**  
at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury  
on Monday, 27 October 2008 at 5.15 pm

**Agenda**

- 1 Election of Chair**  
To elect a Chair for the ensuing year.
- 2 Appointment of Vice-Chair**  
To appoint a Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.
- 3 Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Mellings and Williams.
- 4 Declarations of Interest**  
Members are reminded that they should declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests at this point and that they should leave the meeting before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.
- 5 Minutes**  
Members are asked to agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 16 June 2008, and that they be signed as a correct record. Attached marked **5. For decision**
- 6 Public Questions**  
To receive any questions, statements or petitions, of which notice has been received, from members of the public.
- 7 Assessment and Review Criteria for Initial Assessment of Standards Complaints**  
This report informs members about the assessment and review criteria for the initial assessment of member Code of Conduct complaints. Attached marked **7. For decision**
- 8 Department of Communities and Local Government Consultation – Codes of Conduct for local authority members and employees**  
This report informs members about a current government consultation which will impact upon the members' Code of Conduct. To follow marked **8. For decision**

**9 Register of Interests Review and Code of Conduct Training 2008**

This report provides details of the position regarding the completion of the Register of Members' Interests form and advises the Committee of the uptake for the forthcoming Code of Conduct Training provided by Telford & Wrekin Council. Attached marked **9. For decision**

**10 Standards Board for England Annual Review 2007/08**

This report provides the Committee with a summary of the Standards Board for England annual review report for 2007/08. Attached marked **10. For information.**

**11 Standards Board for England Guidance on the Role and Make-up of Standards Committees**

This report informs the Committee of recent guidance issued by the Standards Board for England in particular concerning independent members serving on the Standards Committee. Attached marked **11. For information**

**12 Update on Code of Conduct Complaints made to the Standards Committee – 8 May to 30 June 2008 and 1 July to 30 September 2008**

This report provides the Committee with details of the Code of Conduct complaints received by the Standards Committee during the period 8 May 2008 to 30 June 2008 and 1 July 2008 to 30 September 2008. Attached marked **12. For information**

**13 Standards Board Bulletin**

Attached, marked **13** and **13a** respectively, are the latest Bulletins (no. 39 – June 2008 and no. 40 – August 2008) issued by the Standards Board for England. Copies of both bulletins have been emailed to all Members of the Fire Authority (including the Independent Members of the Standards Committee). As previously agreed by the Committee, the Bulletins are now brought to Members for discussion. **For information**

**14 Ethical Standards Bulletin**

Attached marked **14** is the Summer 2008 edition of the Ethical Standards Bulletin published by Telford & Wrekin Council. A copy has been circulated to all Members of the Fire Authority, including the Independent Members of the Standards Committee. As previously agreed by the Committee, the Bulletin is now brought to Members for discussion. **For information**

**15 Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees**

The Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees was held on 13 and 14 October 2008 in Birmingham. A verbal update on the Assembly will be given by those Officers and Members who attended.