



# Epping Forest District Council

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** **Tuesday, 27th January, 2009**

**Place:** Civic Offices, High Street, Epping  
**Room:** Committee Room 1  
**Time:** 7.30 pm  
**Committee Secretary:** G Lunnun - The Office of the Chief Executive  
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### **Members:**

Ms M Marshall (Chairman), Councillor S Murray, Councillor B Rolfe, Councillor Mrs P Smith, G Weltch and M Wright

### **Parish/Town Council Deputy Representative(s):**

Councillors Mrs D Borton, J Salter, B Surtees

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2008 (attached).

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

#### **4. REVIEW OF PLANNING PROTOCOL**

Report to follow.

#### **5. ALLEGATIONS MADE ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF DISTRICT AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCILLORS (Pages 11 - 12)**

(Monitoring Officer)

- (a) To consider the attached report on the current position; and
- (b) To discuss officer responsibilities for and the resource implications of determining allegations.

**6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

(Monitoring Officer) The calendar for 2008/09 provides for a meeting of the Committee on 14 April 2009.

Additional meetings can be arranged as and when required by the Committee.

The draft calendar for 2009/10 to be considered by the Council in February 2009 provides for meetings on 14 July 2009, 13 October 2009, 19 January 2010 and 13 April 2010.

**7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</b>
Nil	Nil	Nil

To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items which are confidential under Section 100(A)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972:

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Nil	Nil

Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

**Background Papers:** Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential

information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.