

Agenda



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Standards Committee

Wednesday, 30 November 2016 at 4.30 pm,
Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington

Membership

Chair: Councillor June Harrison
Vice-Chair: Councillor Joyce Plummer

Councillors: Kath Pratt and Jeff Scales
Altham Parish Councillors: Thomas Fearon, Anthony Hickson and Rennie Pinder
Independent Person: Patricia Higginbottom

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (*Pages 3 - 6*)

To submit the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 5th October 2015 for approval as a correct record.

Recommended - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

3. Grant of Dispensations (*Pages 7 - 36*)

To seek the granting of dispensations to a number of Hyndburn Councillors and one Altham Parish Councillor to speak and vote on certain issues, as set out in Section 3 of the report. Copies of the applications signed individually by the Councillors concerned are appended to the report.



Recommended

- (1) That Standards Committee considers the requests from Hyndburn Borough Council members to grant dispensations to speak and vote on the issues set out in Section 3.2 of the report; and,
- (2) That Standards Committee considers the request from Altham Parish Councillor John Halstead to grant a dispensation to speak and vote on the issues set out in Section 3.4 of the report.

4. Annual Ombudsman's Letter 2016 (Pages 37 - 46)

To inform the Standards Committee about the Annual Local Government Ombudsman's (LGO's) Letter for 2015/16.

Recommended

- That the Standards Committee welcomes the Ombudsman's letter and notes the report.

5. Exclusion of the Public

Recommended

- That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item, when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings that there will otherwise be disclosure of exempt information within the Paragraph at Schedule 12A of the Act specified at the item.

6. Local Assessment of Complaints - Update

(The report will contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 1 - Information relating to any individual)

To receive a verbal update on local assessment of complaints.

Recommended

- That the verbal report be noted.