

Agenda



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Standards Committee

Monday, 5 October 2015 at 6.00 pm,
Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington

Membership

Chair: Councillor June Harrison

Vice-Chair: Councillor Joyce Plummer

Councillors: Bill Pinder and Kath Pratt

Altham Parish Councillors: Thomas Fearon, Anthony Hickson and Rennie Pinder

Independent Persons: Patricia Higginbottom and Reverend John Holland

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 12th January 2015 for approval as a correct record.

Recommended

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

3. Annual Ombudsman's Letter (Pages 7 - 14)

To inform the Committee about the Annual Local Government Ombudsman's (LGO's) Letter for 2014/15.

Recommended

- That the Local Government Ombudsman's Letter be welcomed and the report noted.



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4. Review of Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 15 - 30)

To present a revised and updated Whistleblowing Policy to the Committee for consideration and comment.

Recommended - **That the Committee consider the draft Whistleblowing Policy attached to the report and comment prior to the Policy being presented to Cabinet for approval.**

5. Grant of Dispensations (Pages 31 - 40)

To seek the granting of Dispensations to a number of Hyndburn Borough Councillor to vote on certain issues (See Section 3 of the report).

Recommended - **That 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 be considered.**

6. Training - Dealing with Member Complaints

To receive training on how to deal with Member Complaints.

Recommended - **That the contents of the training be noted.**