Fylde Borough Council



Meeting Agenda

Meeting of Members of the Standards Committee

Reception Room, Town Hall Thursday 8 May 2008, 7:00pm

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

The Council's investment and activities are focused on achieving our five key objectives which aim to :

- Conserve, protect and enhance the quality of the Fylde natural and built environment
- Work with partners to help maintain safe communities in which individuals and businesses can thrive
- Stimulate strong economic prosperity and regeneration within a diverse and vibrant economic environment
- Improve access to good quality local housing and promote the health and wellbeing and equality of opportunity of all people in the Borough
- Ensure we are an efficient and effective council.

CORE VALUES

In striving to achieve these objectives we have adopted a number of key values which underpin everything we do :

- Provide equal access to services whether you live in town, village or countryside,
- Provide effective leadership for the community,
- Value our staff and create a 'can do' culture,
- Work effectively through partnerships,
- Strive to achieve 'more with less'.



AGENDA

PART I - MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

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1.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: <i>if a member requires advice on</i> <i>declarations of interest he/she is advised to contact the legal services</i> <i>executive manager in advance of the meeting. (for the assistance of</i> <i>members an extract from the councils code of conduct is attached).</i>	4
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CODE OF CONDUCT 2007

Personal interests

8.—(1) You have a personal interest in any business of your authority where either—

(a) it relates to or is likely to affect-

- (i) any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by your authority;
- (ii) any body-
 - (aa) exercising functions of a public nature;
 - (bb) directed to charitable purposes; or
 - (cc) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union),

of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management;

- (i) any employment or business carried on by you;
- (ii) any person or body who employs or has appointed you;
- (iii) any person or body, other than a relevant authority, who has made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties;
- (iv) any person or body who has a place of business or land in your authority's area, and in whom you have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that person or body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital (whichever is the lower);
- (v) any contract for goods, services or works made between your authority and you or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a person or body of the description specified in paragraph (vi);
- (vi) the interests of any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25;
- (vii) any land in your authority's area in which you have a beneficial interest;
- (viii) any land where the landlord is your authority and you are, or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a person or body of the description specified in paragraph (vi) is, the tenant;
- (xi) any land in the authority's area for which you have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer; or
- (b) a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well-being or financial position or the well-being or financial position of a relevant person to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision;
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(b), a relevant person is-
 - (a) a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association; or
 - (b) any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;
 - (c) any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
 - (d) any body of a type described in sub-paragraph (1)(a)(i) or (ii).

Disclosure of personal interests

- **9.**—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (7), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority and you attend a meeting of your authority at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.
 - (2) Where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority which relates to or is likely to affect a person described in paragraph 8(1)(a)(i) or 8(1)(a)(ii)(aa), you need only disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest when you address the meeting on that business.
 - (3) Where you have a personal interest in any business of the authority of the type mentioned in paragraph 8(1)(a)(viii), you need not disclose the nature or existence of that interest to the meeting if the interest was registered more than three years before the date of the meeting.
 - (4) Sub-paragraph (1) only applies where you are aware or ought reasonably to be aware of the existence of the personal interest.

- (5) Where you have a personal interest but, by virtue of paragraph 14, sensitive information relating to it is not registered in your authority's register of members' interests, you must indicate to the meeting that you have a personal interest, but need not disclose the sensitive information to the meeting.
- (6) Subject to paragraph 12(1)(b), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority and you have made an executive decision in relation to that business, you must ensure that any written statement of that decision records the existence and nature of that interest.
- (7) In this paragraph, "executive decision" is to be construed in accordance with any regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the Local Government Act 2000(**d**).

Prejudicial interest generally

- 10.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority you also have a prejudicial interest in that business where the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.
 - (2) You do not have a prejudicial interest in any business of the authority where that business—
 - (a) does not affect your financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in paragraph 8;
 - (b) does not relate to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person or body described in paragraph 8; or
 - (c) relates to the functions of your authority in respect of—
 - (i) housing, where you are a tenant of your authority provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease;
 - school meals or school transport and travelling expenses, where you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or are a parent governor of a school, unless it relates particularly to the school which the child attends;
 - (iii) statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, where you are in receipt of, or are entitled to the receipt of, such pay;
 - (iv) an allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;
 - (v) any ceremonial honour given to members; and
 - (vi) setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Prejudicial interests arising in relation to overview and scrutiny committees

- **11.** You also have a prejudicial interest in any business before an overview and scrutiny committee of your authority (or of a sub-committee of such a committee) where—
 - (a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by your authority's executive or another of your authority's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and
 - (b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken, you were a member of the executive, committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee mentioned in paragraph (a) and you were present when that decision was made or action was taken.

Effect of prejudicial interests on participation

- 12.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority—
 - (a) you must withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting considering the business is being held—
 - (i) in a case where sub-paragraph (2) applies, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence;
 - (ii) in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at that meeting;

unless you have obtained a dispensation from your authority's standards committee;

- (b) you must not exercise executive functions in relation to that business; and
- (c) you must not seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.
- (2) Where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority, you may attend a meeting (including a meeting of the overview and scrutiny committee of your authority or of a sub-committee of such a committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.





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COUNCIL MEETING 3 MARCH 2008

Public item

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

Summary

Criticisms have been made of the way in which certain aspects of the council meeting on 3 March was conducted. The committee is asked to consider the meeting in the light of those criticisms.

Recommendation/s

1. Make such recommendations as it sees fit.

Cabinet portfolio

The item falls within the following cabinet portfolio[s]: Corporate policy and performance: (Councillor Sue Fazackerley).

<u>Report</u>

Sub-heading if needed

- 1. The council meeting of the council held on 3 March discussed the council's difficult budgetary position and considered a number of decisions, such as the closure of St Annes Swimming Pool, which were highly controversial and were the subject of intense public interest.
- 2. In those circumstances, debate at the council meeting could be expected to be robust and even passionate. However, it has been suggested that the conduct of the meeting

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fell below the standards that could be expected of a business meting of a responsible local authority.

- 3. I believe that, given the criticisms that have been made of the way the meeting proceeded, it is appropriate for the Standards Committee to discuss it. A DVD of the meeting it attached to this agenda for members of the committee. Footage of the meeting is also on the council's website at <u>www.fylde.gov.uk</u>.
- 4. Committee members are asked to focus on the general conduct of the meeting and of councillors, rather than identifying behaviour that may form a breach of the code of conduct. This is to avoid members being accused of having pre-judged any matters of individual conduct if any such complaints are made and referred to them.
- 5. The committee may wish to make recommendations arising from their viewing of the meeting.

	IMPLICATIONS
Finance	None
Legal	As noted in the report, committee members should not discuss the conduct of individual members to avoid accusations of prejudice should complaints about the behaviour of individual members be made.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There is danger of damage to the council's corporate reputation if council meetings that are open to the public are not conducted appropriately.

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LOCAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS

Public item

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

Summary

New regulations are now in force giving local standards committee the responsibility to assess complaints and decide whether to refer them for investigation. The committee needs to put in place procedures setting out how complaints should be made and how they are dealt with.

The procedures must take into account guidance by the Standards Board. Since the guidance has not yet been issuud, the committee is asked to make the interim arrangements set out in the report.

Recommendations

- 1. Authorise the monitoring officer to take the steps required to comply with regulations 10(1) and (2) of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, which deal with addresses for complaints and publicising how to complain.
- 2. Adopt the criteria in the appendix for the purposes of regulation 10(3), which deals with the procedures to be followed in relation to allegations.
- 3. Review both of the above matters as son as practicable after guidance from the Standards Board for England is available.

Cabinet portfolio

The item falls within the following cabinet portfolio:

Continued

Corporate performance and development:

Report

The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008

- Other reports on this agenda refer to the above regulations. At the time of writing those reports, the regulations had yet to be made. The regulations have now been made and come into force today. There are two particular requirements under the regulations which it would be convenient for the committee to address at its meeting today, as well as the matters covered elsewhere in the agenda.
- 2. In complying with both of the requirements, the standards committee is required to take account of any relevant guidance issued by the Standards Board for England ("SBE"). The SBE intends to issue guidance within a few weeks of the regulations being issued; however the guidance is not available yet. The recommendations in this report are therefore interim ones. I will report to the committee on these matters again when the guidance is available.

Publicity about the committee's functions

- 3. The regulations require every standards committee to publish in such manner as it considers appropriate, details of the address or addresses to which written allegations under the relevant section of the Local Government Act 2000 can be sent. They also require the standards committee to take reasonable steps to bring those details to the attention of the public.
- 4. Clearly allegations should be directed to the Town Hall at St Annes as the monitoring officer is based there. I suggest the following addresses should be used for the purposes of the regulations:

Councillor Complaints Town Hall St Annes Road West St Annes FY8 1LW

councillorcomplaints@fylde.gov.uk

Having a dedicated "mailbox" will help in establishing that a complainant really does want to complain about the conduct of an individual councillor or councillors, rather than make a complaint about council services, as well as enabling all such complaints to be channelled to me as monitoring officer.

- 5. I suggest that the committee delegate to me the responsibility to take reasonable steps to bring the above details to the attention of the public. Steps that I would anticipate taking include the following:
 - Putting a page or pages on Fylde Borough Council's website
 - Providing content and a link to parish and town clerks for publication on parish and town council websites
 - Publishing a leaflet and distributing it to appropriate places in the borough

The aim of these steps would be to raise awareness of how to complain about bad behaviour by borough, town and parish councillors, while making it clear that the system is not for dealing with service complaints or for pursuing disagreements with council policy.

Assessment criteria

- 6. The regulations require each standards committee to publish details of the procedures it will follow in relation to any written allegations it receives. This includes the criteria it will use in deciding which allegations it will refer for investigation by the monitoring officer.
- 7. I suggest that for the time being the committee adopt the attached criteria for dealing with assessment of complaints. The criteria are taken from those which the SBE used to deal with its assessment of complaints. The committee will be able to look in more detail at the criteria it wants to adopt when the SBE guidance is available.

	IMPLICATIONS
Finance	The costs of publicising the new arrangements as set out are minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.
Legal	The new responsibilities, including the requirements set out in this report, are mandatory.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	The assessment procedures and provisions have been certified by the government as complying with human rights legislation.
Sustainability	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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Complaints and Investigations: What we will Investigate	Not known	www.standardsboard.gov.uk/Complaintsandinve stigations/Whatwewillinvestigate/

Attached documents

Suggested interim assessment criteria

Interim assessment criteria

When we receive a complaint about something we are allowed to consider, we decide if it is appropriate for us to investigate. We focus only on allegations that we believe have the potential to damage the public's confidence in local democracy. You will be notified of our decision in writing.

Which complaints will we refer for investigation?

We decide that a matter should be investigated when we believe it meets one of the following criteria:

- it is serious enough, if proven, to justify the range of sanctions available to the Adjudication Panel for England or local standards committees
- it is part of a continuing pattern of less serious misconduct that is unreasonably disrupting the business of the authority and there is no other avenue left to deal with it, short of investigation
- in considering this, we will take into account the time that has passed since the alleged conduct occurred

Which complaints are we unlikely to refer for investigation?

We are unlikely to decide that a complaint should be investigated if it falls into any of the following categories:

- we believe it to be malicious, relatively minor, or tit-for-tat
- the same, or substantially similar, complaint has already been the subject of an investigation or inquiry and there is nothing further to be gained by seeking the sanctions available to the Adjudication Panel or the local standards committee
- the complaint concerns acts carried out in the member's private life, when they are not carrying out the work of the authority or have not misused their position as a member
- it appears that the complaint is really about dissatisfaction with a council decision
- there is not enough information currently available to justify a decision to refer the matter for investigation





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NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Public item

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

Summary

New regulations and guidance have made changes to the way in which the .Standards Committee will operate. The main change is that the committee will become responsible for the initial assessment of whether a complaint about the conduct of a councillor should be referred for investigation.

The report discusses changes needed to the committees structure and other matters arising from the changes.

Recommendations

- 1. Agree in principle to the establishment of the three sub-committees set out in paragraph 5.
- 2. Note the remainder of the report.

Cabinet portfolio

The item falls within the following cabinet portfolio:

Corporate policy and performance

Councillor Sue Fazackerley

<u>Report</u>

- 1. The government is making significant changes to the ethical framework that governs the behaviour of borough and parish councillors. One of those changes is the introduction of the new model code of conduct, which was adopted by the borough council and all parish councils in the district last year.
- 2. Further changes have been introduced this year. The key changes to be made this year are:
 - Standards committees will be responsible for receiving allegations and deciding whether any action needs to be taken (referred to as 'local assessment') –in force by May 8.
 - Standards committees must be chaired by an independent member in force April 1.
 - Standards committees will report periodically to the Standards Board for England –in force May 8.
 - Standards committees will be allowed to enter into joint working arrangements with other standards committees regulations expected in June.
 - The Standards Board will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring the effectiveness of local arrangements, including supporting authorities which are experiencing difficulties and driving up their performance –in force May 8.
- 3. Regulations made by central government set out detailed procedures and requirements. The regulations came into force today. Implementing the new responsibilities will require the committee to put some new systems and structures in place.
- 4. Much of the remainder of this report is based on a checklist for standards committees issued by the Standards Board. Below each item reproduced from the checklist have set out where we are now and what we need to do to be ready for the new responsibilities.
- 5. Size of standards committee: Standards committees must have a minimum of:
 - Three members (two elected members and one independent member).
 - 25% of the committee composed of independent lay members if the committee is more than three people.
 - An independent chair.
 - One parish or town council member if the authority has responsibilities for those councils.

The Standards Board recommends:

• At least six people as a minimum (three elected members and three independent members).

- Two, or possibly three, parish or town council members if the authority has responsibilities for those councils.
- Consideration of whether more members are required to ensure cover in the event of conflicts of interest, holidays or sickness.

At present, we have eight members, including two parish representatives and two independent persons (25%). An independent person chairs the committee.

Nominations will shortly be put to the Borough Council which will increase the size of the committee to eleven, including three parish members and four independent persons (36%).

- 6. **Structure of standards committees:** In addition to their role as champion and guardian of the authority's ethical standards, standards committees will now have three separate but distinct roles in relation to complaints about member conduct:
 - Receiving and assessing complaints.
 - Reviewing local assessment decisions.
 - Conducting hearings following investigation.

To avoid perceptions of bias or predetermination, members who carry out a local assessment decision should not be involved in a review of the same decision, should one be requested.

The Standards Board recommends:

- A structure of sub-committees or the standards committee acting as a pool of members to deal with the different roles.
- As a minimum, two separate subcommittees, one for taking initial assessment decisions and one for taking decisions on reviews.
- The regulations require any subcommittee to have an independent chair.
- A member who was involved in an initial assessment decision, or following referral of a complaint back to the standards committee from the monitoring officer or Standards Board for another assessment decision, can be a member of the committee that hears and determines the complaint. This is because an assessment decision only relates to whether a complaint discloses something that needs to be investigated. It does not require deliberation of whether the conduct did or did not take place and so no conflict of interest will arise in hearing and determining the complaint.

I recommend that the Standards Committee forms three sub-committees, one to deal with initial assessment decisions, one to take decisions on reviews and one to conduct hearings following investigations. Each sub-committee would have a floating membership drawn at random (subject to availability and conflicts of interests) according to the following criteria:

• Initial assessment: Four members. comprising at least one independent person, who would act as chairman, and at least one parish member

- Review: Three members comprising at least one independent person, who would act as chairman, and, if parish business was being considered, at least one parish member.
- Hearings: Three members comprising at least one independent person, who would act as chairman, and, if parish business was being considered, at least one parish member.

As members will know, the committee is inquorate if, when dealing with a complaint concerning a parish or town councillor, it does not contain a parish member. This will also apply to sub-committees. The Initial assessment sub-committee is recommended to be larger than the other sub-committees because it may be anticipated to deal with a number of complaints at one sitting. It therefore needs to be big enough to remain quorate if a member had to leave the meeting for an item due to a conflict of interest.

- 7. **Training:** The Standards Board recommends:
 - Standards committees are fully trained on the Code of Conduct.
 - Standards committees are offered other training to equip them with necessary skills, for example in conducting a hearing.
 - Independent chairs and vice-chairs are trained in chairing meetings.
 - Any newly-appointed standards committee members receive a comprehensive induction to the role and appropriate training.

Members will be offered practical training sessions in the areas indicated when the regulations and any changes to the composition of the committees become clear.

8. Local assessment criteria

Guidance will be available from the Standards Board on developing criteria and the types of issues to be considered when assessing complaints.

Standards committees will need to develop their own criteria, that reflect local circumstances and priorities, and which are simple, clear, open and ensure fairness.

Monitoring officers will be able to acquire additional factual information which is readily available about allegations before the assessment process begins. This could be from minutes or the register of interests, for example, if such information about a complaint would assist decision-making. It should not include interviews or investigation.

A complainant has a right to appeal if a complaint is rejected, so standards committees will be able to invite complainants to submit further information in support of the complaint at the appeal stage in the process.

I will report further on developing local assessment criteria when guidance is issued by the Standards Board.

	IMPLICATIONS
Finance	The financial implications of the new local assessment provisions are anticipated to be contained within existing budgets
Legal	The council has a statutory duty to implement the new system
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	The regulations implementing the new system will have an appended statement of compliance with convention rights
Sustainability	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	

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COMPLAINTS TO THE STANDARDS BOARD: STATISTICS

Public item

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

Summary

There have been two complaints to the Standards Board about three borough or parish councillors since the last meeting of the committee. None of these have been referred for investigation.

Recommendation

1. Note the statistical information.

Cabinet portfolio

The item falls within the following cabinet portfolio:

Corporate performance and development

Councillor Sue Fazackerley

Report

- 1. The last meeting of the Standards Committee was in December last year. This report sets out a statistical breakdown of complaints since then. As members know, the committee covers both Fylde Borough Council and the 15 parish councils within the borough.
- 2. Since the last meeting, the Standards Board for England has received two complaints about three councillors in the Fylde area. Both of the councillors

concerned are borough councillors, though one is also a member of a town or parish council.

3. The table below sets out the findings on the complaints:

Not referred for investigation: no evidence of a potential breach of the code of conduct	1
Not referred for investigation: alleged conduct not serious enough to justify investigation	1
Referred to ethical standards officer for investigation: no failure to comply with code of conduct found	0
Referred to ethical standards officer for investigation: Decision not yet received	0
Referred to ethical standards officer for investigation: Failure to comply with code proved	0
Referred to monitoring officer for investigation: Investigation not yet completed	0

4. The table below shows national statistics published by the Standards Board showing the nature of complaints referred for investigation since the beginning of April 2007. No complaints within Fylde have been referred for investigation in this time, as shown below.

	National %	Local % (no.)
Bringing authority into disrepute	12	0
Failure to disclose personal interest	9	0
Disclosure of confidential information	2	0
Failure to treat others with respect	12	0
Prejudicial interest	25	0
Using position to confer or secure an advantage or disadvantage	13	0
Other	27	0

5. The Standards Board also publishes data about the source of allegations. The table below compares that information (from April 2007) with local information.

	National %	Local % (number)
Fellow councillor	28	50 (1)
Council employee	5	0
Member of the public	66	50 (1)
Other	1	0

IMPLICATIONS		
Finance	None	
Legal	None	
Community Safety	None	
Human Rights and Equalities	None	
Sustainability	None	
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None	

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Decision notice SBE21629.08	26 March 2008	Town Hall, St Annes
Standards Board monthly statistical digest	April 2008	www.standardsboard.gov.uk/Casesummaries/M onthlyStatisticalDigest//

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