



**Rochford District  
Council**

## **Standards Committee**

### **agenda**

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***Date***

**11 December 2008**

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***Time***

**7.30 pm**

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***Place***

Committee Room 4  
Civic Suite  
Rayleigh

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## **Members of the Standards Committee**

### **District Council Members**

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Cllr C I Black  
Cllr D Merrick  
Cllr M J Steptoe  
Cllr J Thomass

### **Parish Members**

Cllr P Beckers  
Cllr Mrs D Constable  
Cllr Mrs L A Vingoe

### **Independent Members**

Chairman: Mr D J Cottis

Mr M G Drage  
Mr S Shadbolt  
Mrs L Walker

### **Terms of Reference**

All matters set out in paragraph 9.03 of Article 9 of the Constitution.

**The Council's vision is to make Rochford the place of choice in the County to live, work and visit.**

### **The Council's objectives are to:-**

- Provide an excellent cost effective frontline service for all our customers
- Work towards a safer and more caring community
- Provide a green and sustainable environment
- Encourage a thriving local economy
- Improve the quality of life for people in our district
- Maintain and enhance our local heritage.

### **The Council's values (the way we work to pursue these objectives) are to:-**

- Be an open, accountable, listening, responsive Council
- Put the customer and citizen at the heart of everything we do, delivering services in a caring and sensitive manner
- Co-ordinate the management of resources with an emphasis on sustainability
- Value the contribution of partners, employees and citizens, trusting each other and working collaboratively.

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**1 Apologies for Absence**

**2 Substitutes**

**3 Non-Members attending**

**4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 October 2008**

**5 To Receive Declarations of Interest**

**6 Business from last meeting of the Standards Committee 2 October 2008**

To receive clarification by the Corporate Director (Internal Services) of specific wording identified at the meeting on 2 October 2008 in respect of Procedure Rules for Local Investigation and Determination of Complaints concerning the Members' Code of Conduct.

**7 Feedback from the Seventh Annual Association of Standards Committees Conference 13-14 October 2008**

To receive a verbal report from the Chairman of the Standards Committee on the Association of Standards Committees Conference.

**8 Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees – A Consultation** 8.1-8.12

To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Internal Services) on a Government consultation seeking views on 21 specific issues relating to amendments to the Code of Conduct for Members and the introduction of a Code of Conduct for Employees.

**9 Mandatory Training**

To consider the report of the Head of Information & Customer Services considering recommendations for the implementation of mandatory training requirements.

The report is to follow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Warren', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Paul Warren  
Chief Executive