



## Exeter City Council

To the Chair and Members  
of the Standards Committee

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A meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Yaroslavl Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter** at **4.30 pm** on **WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2010** to consider the following business. If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact Sharon Sissons, Member Services Officer on **Exeter 265115**.

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### AGENDA

#### Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

1                                    **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To sign the minutes of Standards Committee held on 2 December 2009.

2                                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors are reminded of the need to declare personal and prejudicial interests, including the nature and extent of such interests, in relation to business on the agenda. Councillors requiring clarification should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer prior to the day of the meeting.

3                                    **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during consideration of the items on this agenda, but if it should wish to do so, the following resolution should be passed: -

**“RESOLVED** that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the particular items of business on the grounds that it/(they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act”.

4 **ANNUAL RETURN TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

To consider and respond to the Annual Return. 1 - 16

(Copy of Annual Return circulated)

5 **FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL (LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS IN ENGLAND)**

To receive a report from the Assistant Chief Executive/ Deputy Monitoring Officer 17 - 22

(report circulated)

6 **UPDATE ON CASE LAW**

To receive details of recent case law from the Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer. 23 - 34

(report circulated)

The next meeting of the Standards Committee will be held on Wednesday 2 June 2010 at 4.30 pm

*Membership -*

Professor B Kirby (Chair), Councillors Boyle, S Brock, Mrs Danks, D J Morrish, Newcombe, R Smith, Starling and Sterry

*Independent members:*

Andrew Mimmack and Lynda Smith

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