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TO:

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: **J CAILES (CHAIRMAN),
P HANMER (VICE-CHAIRMAN),
S IBBS, P ROGAN AND B WINSTANLEY**

COUNCILLORS: **MRS U ATHERLEY, R BAILEY, P COTTERILL AND
R A PENDLETON**

PARISH COUNCILLORS: **A CHEETHAM, R COADY AND J CITARELLA**

Dear Member,

A meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COMMITTEE ROOM 2/3** on **THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2011** at **4:30PM** at which your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W J Taylor', written over a horizontal line.

William J Taylor
Chief Executive

A G E N D A
(Open to the Public)

1. APOLOGIES

2. URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

Note: No other business is permitted unless, by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified at the meeting, the Chairman is of the opinion that the item(s) should be considered as a matter of urgency.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

If a member requires advice on Declarations of Interest, he/she is advised to contact the Council Secretary and Solicitor in advance of the meeting. (For the assistance of members a checklist for use in considering their position on any particular item is included at the end of this agenda sheet.)

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4. MINUTES

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on Tuesday 30 November 2010. **Page(s) 149 to 152**

5. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT - INDEPENDENT MEMBER

To note that Mr Paul Hanmer was reappointed as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee until May 2012, at the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2010.

6. COMPLAINTS - STATISTICS

To consider and note the update from the Director Designate (Council Secretary and Solicitor). **Page(s) 153 to 154**

7. MAINTAINING HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

To consider a joint paper circulated by Local Government Information and Development and the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors in respect of the future of the Standards regime. **Page(s) 155 to 162**

8. WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

To consider and note the updated Work Programme. **Page(s) 163 to End**

We can provide this document, upon request, on audiotape, in large print, in Braille and in other languages.

FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE: Please see attached sheet.

MOBILE PHONES: These should be switched off at all meetings.

For further information, please contact:-

Jacky Denning on 01695 585384

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FIRE PRECAUTIONS ACT 1971
FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS WHERE OFFICERS ARE
PRESENT
(52 DERBY STREET, ORMSKIRK)

PERSON IN CHARGE: Most Senior Officer present
ZONE WARDEN: Member Services Officer

IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE

1. Operate the nearest **FIRE CALL POINT** by breaking the glass.
2. Attack the fire with the extinguishers provided only if you have been trained and it is safe to do so. **Do not** take risks.

ON HEARING THE FIRE ALARM

1. Leave the building via the **NEAREST SAFE EXIT**. **Do not stop** to collect personal belongings.
2. Proceed to the **ASSEMBLY POINT** on the car park and report your presence to the **PERSON IN CHARGE**.
3. **DO NOT** return to the premises until authorised to do so by the **PERSON IN CHARGE**.

NOTES:

Officers are required to direct all visitors regarding these procedures i.e. exit routes and place of assembly.

CHECKLIST FOR PERSON IN CHARGE

The Person in Charge must take the following actions:

1. Advise other interested parties present that you are the person in charge in the event of an evacuation.
2. Make yourself familiar with the location of the fire escape routes and inform any interested parties of the escape routes.
3. Make yourself familiar with the location of the assembly point and inform any interested parties of that location.
4. Make yourself familiar with the location of the fire alarm and detection control panel.
5. Ensure that the Zone Warden is aware of their role and responsibilities.
6. Arrange for a register of attendance to be completed (if considered appropriate/practicable).

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, OR THE FIRE ALARM BEING SOUNDED

1. Ensure that the room in which the meeting is being held is cleared of all persons.
2. Evacuate via the nearest safe Fire Exit and proceed to the **ASSEMBLY POINT** in the car park.
3. Delegate a person at the **ASSEMBLY POINT** who will proceed to the HOME CARE LINK SECTION in Westec House, in order to ensure that a back-up call is made to the **FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**.
4. Ensure that the **ZONE WARDEN** has reported to you on the results of his checks, i.e. that the rooms in use have been cleared of all persons.
5. If an Attendance Register has been taken, take a **ROLL CALL**.

6. Report the results of these checks to the **FIRE AND RESCUE OFFICER IN CHARGE** on arrival and inform them of the location of the **FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL**.
7. Authorise return to the building only when it is cleared to do so by the **FIRE AND RESCUE OFFICER IN CHARGE**.

NOTE:

The Fire Alarm system will automatically call the FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE. The purpose of the 999 back-up call is to meet a requirement of the Fire Precautions Act to supplement the automatic call.

CHECKLIST FOR ZONE WARDEN

1. Carry out a physical check of the rooms being used for the meeting, including adjacent toilets, kitchen.
2. Ensure that **ALL PERSONS**, both officers and members of the public are made aware of the **FIRE ALERT**.
3. Ensure that **ALL PERSONS** evacuate **IMMEDIATELY**, in accordance with the **FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**.
4. Proceed to the **ASSEMBLY POINT** and report to the **PERSON IN CHARGE** that the rooms within your control have been cleared.
5. Assist the **PERSON IN CHARGE** to discharge their duties.