

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority
Standards Committee Meeting
at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Monday, 24 July 2006 at 5.00 pm**

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that they should declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests at this point and that they should leave the meeting before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.

3 Minutes

Members are asked to agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 26 April 2006, and that they be signed as a correct record. Attached marked **3. For decision.**

4 Public Questions

To receive any questions, statements or petitions, of which notice has been received, from members of the public.

5 Register of Members' Interests

This report informs Members of the Standards Committee of the response to the recent request for all Fire Authority Members to complete the Register of Members' Interests form. Attached marked **5. For decision.**

6 Code of Conduct Training

This report provides the Standards Committee with details of recent training in the Code of Conduct, organised by Borough of Telford & Wrekin and made available to Fire Authority Members. The report also advises the Committee of the responses to a questionnaire, in which Members were asked to provide details of training, which they have received in the Code of Conduct, during the last year. Attached marked **6. For information.**

7 The Adjudication Panel for England

This report provides Members of the Standards Committee with information regarding the work of the Adjudication Panel for England. Attached marked **7. For information.**

8 Case Reports in Relation to Fire Authorities

This report provides the Standards Committee with information relating to complaints alleging breach of the Members' Code of Conduct against Members of Fire Authorities. Attached marked **8. For information.**

9 Standards Board Bulletin

Attached, marked **9**, is the latest bulletin (no.29 May 2006) issued by the Standards Board for England. At its last meeting the Standards Committee agreed that the bulletins should be circulated to all Members of the Fire Authority. Accordingly, a copy of bulletin 29 was emailed to all Members (including the two Independent Members of the Standards Committee) on 1 June 2006. It was also agreed that the bulletins should be brought to meetings of the Committee for discussion.

For information.

10 West Midlands Independent Members' Forum Minutes

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the West Midlands Independent Members' Forum, held on 3 February 2006 at Brockington, Hereford. Attached marked **10**.

For information.

Next Meeting

Members will recall that in January of this year the Standards Committee offered to host a meeting of the Forum in Shropshire. It has now been confirmed that the meeting will take place at 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm on Friday, 26 January 2007. The venue will be the Shropshire Education and Conference Centre, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury. The two Independent Members of the Fire Authority's Standards Committee together with the Chief Fire Officer, the Clerk and Monitoring Officer, the Standards Committee Solicitor and Committee Clerks will attend.