

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
8th December 2008

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Responsible Officer	Monitoring Officer
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Appendices	Appendix 1 Member Reports

Member Activity Reports

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider two reports from Members which have been submitted since the last meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to **DECIDE:**

1. **That the 2 reports that have been received be agreed for submission onto the Council's website.**
2. **To consider what action to take in respect of the two outstanding reports.**

3. Background

- 3.1. At the last meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee on 29th July 2008 it was agreed that the Chairman would write to four Members who had not submitted their Member Activity Reports to remind them to do so.
- 3.2. A letter was sent to Members on 1st August 2008 and since that time two of the four Members have submitted their reports.

4. Key Issues

- 4.1. In April 2006 the Council agreed a recommendation from the Ethics and Standards Committee that Members should produce a Member Activity Report for Annual Council as it was perceived that this was a transparent way for the electorate to see what their Ward member had been doing for their Ward.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no financial implications as the action can be met through the budget framework.

6. Legal And Policy Implications

6.1. Council agreed at its meeting on 19th April 2006 that Members should produce activity reports and this was echoed in the recommendations received from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

7. Conclusion

7.1. It is important that Members abide by decisions made at Council and this Committee endorsed the requirement for Members to produce an activity report each year. The Independent Remuneration Panel suggested in its report to the Council that Members should be required to produce an Activity Report.

8. Consultees

8.1. Legal Services

Background Papers

- Reports to the Independent Remuneration Committee 2002/2004 – report to Ethics & Standards Committee 6th March 2006 – publicity of Member Activity Reports.
- Recommendation to Council 19th April 2006 from Ethics & Standards Committee – Publicity of Member Activity Reports.
- Publicity of Members Annual Reports – Ethics & Standards Committee 31st July 2007.
- Member Activity Reports, Ethics and Standards Committee 29th July 2008.

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COUNCILLOR BRIAN GLASS

WARD - LICKHILL

Activities

Mainly working on the reduction of antisocial behaviour.

I also co-ordinate the shopwatch radio system in the town which assists the Police to apprehend the criminal element.

Council Activities

Licensing & Environmental Committee
Miscellaneous Functions Committee
Appointment and Appeals Committee

Outside Bodies

None

Achievements During the Year

Solving problems for people in my ward too many to list.

Working on the reduction of antisocial behaviour alongside the Police and Community Support Officers.

I also sit on the PACT panel where members of the public are invited to share their problems with us, and we undertake to solve them.

Members' Surgeries

I hold surgery in my shop every day – I lose count of the problems I solve in here.

Training and Development

Course Description	Course Date
Recruitment & Selection	July 2007

Attendance Percentage for 2007/08

64%

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COUNCILLOR NIGEL THOMAS

ARELEY KINGS WARD

Activities

As a Governor of St. Bartholomew's and Chairman of the Finance committee for the same school, I have spent time working out and projecting the budget for the next 2 years and negotiating with County council officials successfully for these monies to be available.

I have spent much time trying to get the aluminium poles removed from around Dunley crossroads without success.

I sat on a PACT Committee dealing with complains from the general public with regards to potholes, street lights, illegal parking, illegal dumping and graffiti for which I donated my Community Leadership Fund monies.

I successfully objected to an operator's licence being issued to someone in a residential area. I have spent time negotiating with Wyre Forest Community Housing on behalf of tenants with a minimum amount of success.

I have seen a very successful committee established to run Areley Kings village Hall.

I have organised a petition for the retention of the Walshes Post Office on behalf of the community.

I am still trying to negotiate a lease on a sports field for children on the Walshes Estate.

I have attended may Tenants committee meetings and have supported their efforts to keep the Tenants community Hall from demolition.

Council Activities

I have been a member of the Corporate Services and Audit Committee. I am also shadow Cabinet Member for Leisure Services.

Outside Bodies

Nil.

Achievements during the year

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I have seen a very successful committee established to run Areley Kings village Hall.

Members' Surgeries

I am mostly available at my place of Work (Thomas' Garage) from 8 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Training and Development

Course Description	Course Date
Code of Conduct	May 2007
Personal Effectiveness	July 2007

Attendance Percentage for 2007/08

88%