

# Agenda

**MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**VENUE: Meeting Room 4, County Hall, Northallerton**  
**DATE: Monday, 30 January 2006 at 10.30 am**

## Business

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2005 **(Pages 1 to 5)**
2. Public Questions or Statements.

Public access to the meeting. Members of the public have a right to attend any meeting of the Council, its Committees (or Sub-Committees, if any) held in public or that part of the proceedings which are held in public; have access to any public report or other public papers and to ask questions or make statements relating to the business of that body subject to:-

- Notice having been given of the question or statement and the Member to whom it is addressed at least 3 working days before the meeting; and
- No member of the public being entitled to speak for more than 3 minutes.

3. Ethical Audit. – Report of the Monitoring Officer **(Pages 6 to 8)**
4. Standards of Conduct in English Local Government : The Future – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 9 to 14)**
5. Communications Strategy – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 15 to 16)**
6. Ethical Indicators Report – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 17 to 24)**
7. Officer Code of Conduct and Register Progress – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 25 to 26)**
8. Indemnity for Officers and Members – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 27 to 35)**
9. Work Programme – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 36 to 39)**

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10. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

STEPHEN KNIGHT  
Head of Committee Services

County Hall  
NORTHALLERTON

20 January 2006  
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**NOTES:**

- (a) Members are reminded of the need to consider whether they have any personal or prejudicial interests to declare on any of the items on this agenda and, if so, of the need to explain the reason(s) why they have any personal interest when making a declaration.

The relevant Committee Administrator, Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer (the Head of Committee Services) will be pleased to advise on interest issues. Ideally their views should be sought as soon as possible and preferably prior to the day of the meeting, so that time is available to explore adequately any issues that might arise.

- (b) Tea and coffee will be available in the Members' Room a quarter of an hour before the meeting. Will Members please help themselves.
- (c) Lunch will be available.
- (d) EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS

**FIRE**

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An intermittent alarm indicates an emergency in nearby building. It is not necessary to evacuate the building but you should be ready for instructions from the Fire Warden.

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There are alarm points at each end of the Meeting Room corridor – and at the main stairway.

**ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS**

First Aid treatment can be obtained by telephoning Ex 2919 which is the Occupational Health and Safety Section.

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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## Membership

|   |                        |                    |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| COUNTY COUNCILLORS - (3)                                      |                        |                    |
| 1.  | BARTON, Bill           | Conservative       |
| 2.  | BATEMAN, Bernard       | Liberal Democrat   |
| 3.  | MARSHALL, Brian        | Labour             |
| MEMBERS OTHER THAN COUNTY COUNCILLORS - (3)<br>VOTING         |                        |                    |
| 1.  | DAGLISH James          | Independent Member |
| 2.  | LAWTON, Professor Alan | Independent Member |
| 3.  | FLEMING Ms Gillian     | Independent Member |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - (6) QUORUM - (3) including one Independent |                        |                    |

## 2. Substitute Members

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|----|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | FLETCHER, John | Conservative     |
| 2. | MARSHALL, J W  | Liberal Democrat |
| 3. | SNOWBALL, Jim  | Labour           |

Note: The Standards Committee is not subject to the rules on political balance.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

As set out in Article 9.03 of the Constitution

