

# Agenda

**MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**VENUE: Meeting Room 3, County Hall, Northallerton**  
**DATE: Monday, 1 September 2008 at 10.30 am**

## Business

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2008. **(Pages 1 to 15)**
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. Local Ethical Framework Developments – Report of the Monitoring Officer.  
**(Pages 16 to 27)**
4. Communications Strategy - Report of the Head of Communications.  
**(Pages 28 to 29)**
5. Local Code of Corporate Governance –Joint Report of the Corporate Director – Finance and Central Services and the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)  
**(Pages 30 to 45)**
6. Standards Training Plan – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 46 to 49)**
7. Use of Ethics' Statements – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 50 to 53)**
8. Independent Member Appointments – Report of the Monitoring Officer.  
**(Pages 54 to 55)**
9. Local Government Chronicle Awards 2009 – Report of the Monitoring Officer

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**(Pages 56 to 57)**

10. Complaints and Findings/Guidance from the Standards Board – Report of the Monitoring Officer **(Pages 58 to 59)**
11. Work Programme – Report of the Monitoring Officer. **(Pages 60 to 67)**
12. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

CAROLE DUNN  
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall  
NORTHALLERTON

August 2008  
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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 or Monitoring Officer 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) 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**

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### **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 - (6)		
1.	JEFFELS, David	Conservative
2.	MARSHALL, John W	Liberal Democrat
3.	MARSHALL, Brian	Labour
4.	SEYMOUR, Caroline	Liberal Democrat
5.	SNOWBALL, Jim	Labour
6.	SOWRAY, Peter	Conservative
MEMBERS OTHER THAN COUNTY COUNCILLORS - (3)		
VOTING		
1.	DAGLISH James	Independent Member (to 2009)
2.	FLEMING Ms Gillian	Independent Member (to 2011)
3.	HOLT, Ms Janet	Independent Member (to 2011)
4.	Vacancy	Independent Member
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - (9) QUORUM - (3) including one Independent		

## 2. Substitute Members

1.	FLETCHER, John	Conservative
2.	BATEMAN, Bernard	Liberal Democrat
3.	Vacancy	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