

Agenda

MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
VENUE: Meeting Room 3, County Hall, Northallerton
DATE: Monday 10 May 2010 at 10.00 am

Business

1. Minutes of the Meetings held on 1 and 5 February 2010. **(Pages 1 to 11)**

2. Public Questions or Statements.

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have delivered it in writing or by electronic mail to Steve Loach of Democratic Services (*contact details below*) no later than midday three working days before the day of the meeting. Each speaker should limit himself/herself to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:-

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

3. Leader and Group Leaders' Discussion.

4. Election of Chairman with effect from 19 May 2010.

5. Annual Report of Standards Committee – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 12 to 18)

6. Standards for England Annual Return – Report of the Monitoring Officer
(Pages 19 to 38)

7. Standards Committee Communications Strategy – Report of the Monitoring Officer
(Pages 39 to 55)

8. Corporate Complaints and Compliments – Quarter 3 Oct-Dec 2009 - Report of the Monitoring Officer

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- (Pages 56 to 70)**
9. Annual Review of Ethical Audit Action Plan 2010 – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 71 to 76)
 10. Officer Code of Conduct – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 77 to 103)
 11. Independent Member Appointment to Audit Committee – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Page 104)
 12. Complaint Feedback Questionnaire – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Page 105)
 13. Protocol for Officers - Gifts and Hospitality – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 106 to 111)
 14. Standards Training Plan 2009-2010 – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 112 to 115)
 15. Appointment and Training of Independent Members – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 116 to 117)
 16. Local Government Chronicle Awards 2010 – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 118 to 120)
 17. Members' Attendance at Committees – Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).
(Pages 121 to 143)
 18. Complaints and Findings/Guidance from SFE – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 144 to 150)
- Appendices 1 to 10 excluding Appendix 2
Appendix 2 (Separate)
19. Standards Bulletin – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 151 to 163)
 20. Work Programme 2010 – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 164 to 173)
 21. 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

26 April 2010
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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 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**

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- (e) North Yorkshire County Council's key objectives are:-
- Ensuring good access for all.
 - Helping people to live and thrive in safe and secure communities.
 - Helping all children and young people to develop to their full potential.
 - Promoting a flourishing economy.
 - Maintaining and enhancing our environment and heritage.
 - Improving health and wellbeing and giving people effective support when they need it.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1.

Membership

COUNTY COUNCILLORS - (6)		
1.	BARRETT, Philip	NY Independent
2.	JEFFELS, David	Conservative
3.	MARSHALL, J W	Liberal Democrat
4.	POPPLE, Peter	NY Independent
5.	SOWRAY, Peter	Conservative
6.	WEBBER, Geoff	Liberal Democrat
MEMBERS OTHER THAN COUNTY COUNCILLORS – (3) VOTING		
1.	DAGLISH James (Chairman)	Independent Member (to 2010)
2.	GILBERTSON, Hilary	Independent Member (to 2014)
3.	HOLT, Dr Janet	Independent Member (to 2011)
4.	CRONIN, Henry	Independent Member (16.12.2012)
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – (10)		QUORUM – (3) including one Independent

2. Substitute Members

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TINDALL, Herbert 2. BATEMAN, Bernard MBE 3. BLADES, David 4. RICHARDSON, Paul 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BARNES, Keith 2. FOX, John 3. HOULT, Bill 4. SEYMOUR, Caroline
NY INDEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BLACKIE, John 	

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