

# Agenda

**MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**VENUE: Meeting Room 3, County Hall, Northallerton**  
**DATE: Monday, 13 September 2010 at 10.30am**

## Business

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 May 2010. **(Pages 1 to 14)**
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. Appointment of Vice-Chairman of Committee.
4. Complaints and Ethical Indicators – Joint Report of the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Executive.

**(Pages 15 to 44)**

### **APPENDIX A TO APPENDIX 3 – LATE REPORT**

5. Group Leaders' Discussion with Standards Committee – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

**(Pages 45 to 47)**

6. Use made of Dispensations Granted – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

**(Pages 48 to 50)**

7. Standards Committee Complaints - Support for Subject Members – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

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- (Pages 51 to 52)**
8. Update re Members' Attendance at Committees – Report of the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services).  

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  9. Officer's Code of Conduct - Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 54 to 55)**
  10. Complaint Feedback Questionnaire - Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 56 to 61)**
  11. Standards Committee Ongoing Matters: - Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 62 to 63)**
  12. Review of Online Standards Information - Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 64 to 67)**
  13. Update re use of Standards Statements - Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 68 to 71)**
  14. Complaints and findings/guidance from Standards for England - Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 72 to 80)**
  15. Standards Bulletin – Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 81 to 89)**
  16. Issues arising from Independent Remuneration Panel – Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(LATE REPORT)**  
**(Pages 100 to 117)**
  17. Work Programme 2010/11 – Report of the Monitoring Officer.  

**(Pages 90 to 99)**
  18. 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

September 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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### **ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS**

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

- (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

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## 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)<br>VOTING |  |
| 1. BAINBRIDGE, Hilary                                 | Independent Member (to 2010)           |
| 2. GILBERTSON, Hilary                                 | Independent Member (to 2014)           |
| 3. HOLT, Dr Janet                                     | Independent Member (to 2011)           |
| 4. CRONIN, Henry (Chairman)                           | Independent Member (16.12.2012)        |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – (10)                               | QUORUM – (3) including one Independent |

2. Substitute Members

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>CONSERVATIVE</b>   | <b>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT</b>  |
| 1. TINDALL, Herbert<br>2. BATEMAN, Bernard MBE<br>3. BLADES, David<br>4. RICHARDSON, Paul | 1. BARNES, Keith<br>2. FOX, John<br>3. HOULT, Bill<br>4. SEYMOUR, Caroline |
| <b>NY INDEPENDENT</b>   | <b>INDEPENDENT</b>   |
| 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