

Agenda

MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
VENUE: Meeting Room 3, County Hall, Northallerton
DATE: Monday, 28 November 2011 at 10.30 am

Business

1. Minutes of the Meetings held on 16 May 2011 and 17 June 2011. **(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. Local Ethical Framework Developments - The Localism Act 2011 – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

(Pages 12 to 14)

4. Gifts and Hospitality Protocol for Employees – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

(Pages 15 to 28)

5. Members' Attendance at Committees – Oral Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
6. Members' Attendance Records - Request From Audit Committee - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

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(Pages 29 to 30)

7. Complaints and findings/guidance from Standards for England – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

(Pages 31 to 85)

8. Standards Bulletin – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

(Pages 86 to 92)

9. Standards Committee Work Programme – Report of the Monitoring Officer.

(Pages 93 to 101).

CAROLE DUNN
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall
NORTHALLERTON

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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 Room a quarter of an hour before the meeting. Will Members please help themselves.

- (c) **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

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. BAINBRIDGE, Hilary	Independent Member (to 2014)
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

<p>CONSERVATIVE</p> <p>1. TINDALL, Herbert 2. BATEMAN, Bernard MBE 3. BLADES, David 4. PATMORE, Caroline</p>	<p>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT</p> <p>1. BARNES, Keith 2. FOX, John 3. HOULT, Bill 4. SEYMOUR, Caroline</p>
<p>NY INDEPENDENT</p> <p>1. BLACKIE, John</p>	<p>INDEPENDENT</p>

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