

Agenda

Meeting: Standards Committee

**Venue: Meeting Room 3, County Hall,
Northallerton**

Date: Monday, 11 February 2013 at 10.30 am

Business

1. **Minutes of the Meetings held on 29 October 2012.** (Pages 1 to 7)

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 6 February 2013, 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** – Report of the Monitoring Officer. (Pages 8 to 25)

4. **Protocol re Persistent/Vexatious Complainants** – Report of the Monitoring Officer. (Pages 26 to 52)

5. **Dispensation Issue** – Report of the Monitoring Officer. (Pages 53 to 57)

6. **Members' Attendance Monitoring** – Report of the Monitoring Officer. (Pages 58 to 59)

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7. **Complaints Update** – Report of the Monitoring Officer. (Pages 60 to 62)
8. **Standards Bulletin** – Report of the Monitoring Officer. (Pages 63 to 68)
9. **Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.**

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NOTES:

- (a) Members are reminded of the need to consider whether they have any 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 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 before the start of 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 Extension 7575.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1.

Membership

COUNTY COUNCILLORS - (5)		
1.	JEFFELS, David	Conservative
2.	MARSHALL, Brian	Independent
3.	PATMORE, Caroline (Chairman)	Conservative
4.	SOWRAY, Peter	Conservative
5.	WEBBER, Geoff	Liberal Democrat
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – (5) QUORUM – (3)		

2.

Substitute Members

<p>CONSERVATIVE</p> <p>1. 2. 3. 4.</p>	<p>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT</p> <p>1. MARSHALL, J W</p>
<p>NY INDEPENDENT</p> <p>1.</p>	<p>INDEPENDENT</p>

Note:

- (i) The Standards Committee is now subject to the rules on political balance.
- (ii) The Independent Persons for Standards are Hilary Gilbertson MBE and Louise Holroyd.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

As set out in Article 9.03 of the Constitution