

Please note date and time of meeting

Agenda

Meeting: Standards Committee

Venue: The Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton

Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2013 at 10.00 am

Business

Item 7. Vexatious Complainants, will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraphs 1 and 2 as specified in column 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006 and Members will be required to determine whether to exclude the public and press for that item.

1. Appointment of Chairman.
2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 11 February 2013. (Pages 1 to 7)
3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.
4. 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.

5. **Corporate Complaints and Compliments - Annual Report 2012/2013**– Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 8 to 23)
6. **Local Ethical Framework Issues** – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 24 to 47)
7. **Vexatious Complainants** – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(LATE REPORT)
8. **Complaints Update** – Report of the Monitoring Officer
(Pages 48 to 54)
9. **Committee on Standards in Public Life – Annual Report 2012/13** – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 55 to 60)
10. **Standards Bulletin** – Report of the Monitoring Officer.
(Pages 61 to 64)
11. **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)

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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 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) **Emergency Procedures for Meetings**
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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1. Membership

County Councillors (5)							
	<i>Councillors Names</i>				<i>Political Party</i>		
1	GOSS, Andrew				Liberal Democrat		
2	GRANT, Helen				NY Independent		
3	JEFFELS, David				Conservative		
4	PATMORE, Caroline				Conservative		
5	SOWRAY, Peter				Conservative		
Total Membership – (5)				Quorum – (3)			
Con	Lib Dem	NY Ind	Labour	Liberal	UKIP	Ind	Total
3	1	1	0	0	0	0	5

2. Substitute Members

Conservative		Liberal Democrat	
	<i>Councillors Names</i>		<i>Councillors Names</i>
1	BARKER, Arthur	1	SHIELDS, Elizabeth
2	FORT, John BEM	2	
3	SWEIRS, Helen	3	
4	SANDERSON, Janet	4	
5		5	
NY Independent		Labour	
	<i>Councillors Names</i>		<i>Councillors Names</i>
1	BARRETT, Philip	1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	

Note:

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

TERMS OF REFERENCE

As set out in Article 9.03 of the Constitution