

# Please note date and time of meeting

## Agenda

**Meeting: Standards Committee**

**Venue: The Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton**

**Date: Monday, 16 December 2013 at 2.15pm**

### Business

1. Minutes of the Meetings held on 15 October 2013. (Pages 1 to 9)
2. Exclusion of the public from the meeting during consideration of each of the items of business listed in column 1 of the following table on the grounds that they each involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) 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:-

<u>Item No on the Agenda</u>	<u>Paragraph No</u>
Item 5 – Unreasonably Persistent Complainants	1 and 2
Item 6 – Complaint Assessment – NYCC/SC/39	1, 2, 3 and 7

**3. 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 11 December 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.

**4. Request for Dispensations – Report of the Monitoring Officer.**

**(Pages 10 to 20)**

**5. Unreasonably Persistent Complainants – Report of the Monitoring Officer.**

**(LATE REPORT (Pages 62 to 453))**

**6. Complaint Assessment – NYCC/SC/39 – Report of the Monitoring Officer.**

**(Pages 21 to 61)**

**7. 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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County Hall  
Northallerton

December 2013  
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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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**Accident or Illness**

First Aid treatment can be obtained by telephoning Extension 7575.

# 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		
<b>Total Membership – (5)</b>				<b>Quorum – (3)</b>			
<b>Con</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<b>NY Ind</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>UKIP</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
3	1	1	0	0	0	0	5

## 2. Substitute Members

<b>Conservative</b>		<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	
	<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	
<b>NY Independent</b>		<b>Labour</b>	
	<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