

A meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in the **CABINET ROOM. PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2006** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

APOLOGIES

**Contact
(Tel No. 01480)**

1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 2)

**C Deller
388007**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2005.

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 below.

3. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE FUTURE - DISCUSSION PAPER (Pages 3 - 10)

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To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer in response to the contents of the discussion paper entitled "Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future" published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT - STANDARDS BOARD NOTIFICATION (Pages 11 - 12)

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To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer regarding a notification received from the Standards Board for England on the decision made in respect of an allegation of misconduct by a parish councillor serving on Earith Parish Council.

5. REVIEW OF CASE SUMMARIES (Pages 13 - 16)

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388007**

Further to Minute No. 22 of the meeting held on 8th December 2005 to consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer.

6. APPLICATION(S) FOR DISPENSATION

The Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer to report.

7. CURRENT ISSUES (Pages 17 - 22)

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To note a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer regarding issues of interest to the Committee.

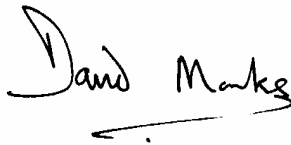
8. NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 6th July 2006 at 4pm.

9. DVD

To view a DVD prepared by the Standards Board for England on local investigations and the conduct of local hearings (approximate length 33 minutes).

Dated this 1st day of March 2006



Chief Executive

Notes

1. *A personal interest exists where a decision on a matter would affect to a greater extent than other people in the District –*
 - (a) *the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, a partner, relatives or close friends;*
 - (b) *a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;*
 - (c) *any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or*
 - (d) *the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.*
2. *A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.*

Please contact Ms C Deller, Democratic Services Manager, Tel No 01480 388007/e-mail: Christine.Deller@huntsdc.gov. if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee.

Specific enquiries with regard to items on the Agenda should be directed towards the Contact Officer.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting as observers except during consideration of confidential or exempt items of business.

Agenda and enclosures can be viewed on the District Council's website – www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk (under Councils and Democracy).

If you would like a translation of Agenda/Minutes/Reports or would like a large text version or an audio version please contact the Democratic Services Manager and we will try to accommodate your needs.

Emergency Procedure

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