A meeting of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE will be held in MEETING ROOM 1, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON on MONDAY, 6 JUNE 2005 at 4:00 PM and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

Contact (01480)

### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

# **2. MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

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#### 3. 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.

#### 4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

# 5. A CODE FOR THE FUTURE - CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS (Pages 5 - 16)

To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer requesting the Committee's views in response to a Consultation Paper on the review of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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# 6. ETHICAL STANDARDS - IN YOUR HANDS (Pages 17 - 18)

To confirm attendance at the Fourth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees. A report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer is enclosed.

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### 7. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION

Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer to report.

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## 8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting

because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the personal circumstances of particular persons.

9. OLDHURST PARISH COUNCIL - ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 19 - 58)

To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer regarding the allegations made against two Councillors serving on Oldhurst Parish Council and the recommendations of the Investigating Officer thereon.

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Dated this 27th day of May 2005

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/Panel.

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.

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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**

In the event of the fire alarm being sounded and on the instruction of the Meeting Administrator, all attendees are requested to vacate the building via the closest emergency exit and to make their way to the base of the flagpole in the car park at the front of Pathfinder House.