

A meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in **MEETING ROOM 1, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2008** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES

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| 1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 2) | C Deller
388007 |
| To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2008. | |
| 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 Items – please see Notes 1 and 2 below. | |
| 3. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION (Pages 3 - 4) | C Deller
388007 |
| To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer regarding an application received for dispensation from Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council. | |
| 4. SURVEY OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS: 2002 - 2006 (Pages 5 - 10) | C Deller
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N Giles
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| Further to Minute No. 29 of the meeting held on 6th December 2007, to note an analysis presented by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer of Code of Conduct complaints by type, locality and outcome for the period 2002 – 2006. | |
| 5. LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES (Pages 11 - 20) | C Deller
388007 |
| Further to Minute No. 29 of the meeting held on 6th December 2007, to note the Code of Conduct enquiries recorded by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer since the commencement of the log in January 2008. | |
| 6. CODE OF CONDUCT - FACT SHEETS (Pages 21 - 28) | |
| (a) Gifts and Hospitality | |
| (b) Personal and Prejudicial Interests | |
| To note the content of two fact sheets issued by the Standards Board for England which convey information on various sections of the Code of Conduct via frequently asked questions. | |
| 7. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT - STANDARDS BOARD NOTIFICATION | C Deller |

(Pages 29 - 30)

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To note the decision of the Standards Board for England in a case against a Councillor serving on St Neots Town Council.

8. INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR: NEW ROLE FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEES (Pages 31 - 32)

**C Deller
388007**

To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer regarding proposed change to the terms of reference of the Committee

9. LOCAL ASSESSMENT: EXERCISE (Pages 33 - 46)

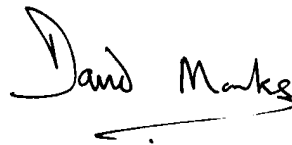
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To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer in preparation for undertaking local assessment of Code of Conduct cases.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 3rd July 2008 at 4pm.

Dated this 27th day of February 2008



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, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;*
 - (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 £25,000; 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.

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

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 car park adjacent to the Methodist Church on the High Street (opposite Prima's Italian Restaurant).