

A Special Meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2007** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES

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1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 2)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2007.

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388007**

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. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

To note the appointment by Council of Messrs P Boothman, D L Hall and M Lynch as Independent Members of the Standards Committee for a four-year term commencing 16th May 2007.

To note that Messrs G Watkins and D MacPherson representing Town and Parish Councils in Huntingdonshire have been nominated by the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils to serve on the Standards Committee until May 2011.

6. THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 3 - 30)

To consider a report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer recommending the adoption of a new Code of Conduct.

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7. LETTER FROM STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND (Pages 31 - 32)

To note the content of a letter from the Board.

8. **DOWN TO DETAIL: 6TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES** (Pages 33 - 42)

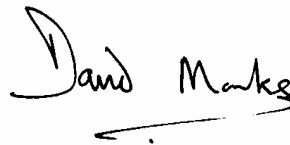
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To nominate two representatives to the 6th Annual Assembly of Standards Committees at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham on 15th and 16th October 2007. Report by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer – enclosed.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, 5th July 2007 at 4.00 pm.

Dated this 6th day of June 2007



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.

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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