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

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

Contact

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

C Deller 388007

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 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 Item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 below.

3. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT MEMBER

The Chairman to report on the decision of the Council made at their meeting held on 25th June, 2008 in respect of the recommendation of the Committee – to appoint an additional Independent Member to assist in the response to the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS - STANDARDS BOARD NOTIFICATIONS (Pages 5 - 8)

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To note the decision of the Standards Board for England in two cases against Councillors serving on St Ives Town Council.

5. **LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES** (Pages 9 - 14)

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Further to Minute No. 42, to note the Code of Conduct enquiries recorded by the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer since the meeting held on 6th March 2008.

6. STANDARDS BOARD STATISTICS (Pages 15 - 16)

To note recent referral and investigation statistics published by the Standards Board for England.

The Interim Monitoring Officer to conduct a local assessment exercise referring to the enclosed local assessment complaint handling chart and example cases. Members may wish to familiarise themselves with the case material and consider, in advance, whether the case should be referred for further action and, if not referred, the reasons for the decision.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 11th September 2008 at 4pm.

Dated this 11 day of August 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.uk 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 Panel.

Specific enquires 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).