

A meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in the **AQUARIUS ROOM, ST IVO LEISURE CENTRE, WESTWOOD ROAD, ST. IVES** on **THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2009** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

## **APOLOGIES**

**Contact**

### **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 5th March 2009.

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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 Items - 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. SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

#### **(a) Referrals (Assessment) Sub-Committee**

To appoint Members to the Referrals (Assessment) Sub-Committee comprising one Independent Member who shall be Chairman and lead Member, one Parish Council representative and one District Councillor. (In 2008/09, the Committee appointed Mr P Boothman as lead Independent Member and Chairman of the Sub-Committee).

#### **(b) Review Sub-Committee**

To appoint Members to the Review Sub-Committee comprising one Independent Member (who shall be Chairman and lead Member), one Parish Council representative and one District Councillor.

(In 2008/2009, the Committee appointed Mr M Lynch as lead Independent Member and Chairman of the Sub-Committee).

(c) **Standards (Consideration and Hearing) Sub-Committee**

To appoint five Members to comprise the Standards (Consideration and Hearing) Sub-Committee to consider investigation reports and to hold determination hearings. This Sub-Committee must be chaired by an independent person.

(In 2008/09, the Committee appointed Mr D Hall as lead Independent Member, Councillors J D Ablewhite and Mrs B E Boddington and Messrs P L Boothman and M Reece).

From experience thus far, it has been evident that the Monitoring Officer needs to retain some flexibility in appointing Members for the various Sub-Committees which are required to meet under the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 to allow for potential conflicts of interest and to be able to fix dates for meetings within the prescribed timescales in the event of the absence/non-availability of Members on selected dates. To overcome these issues, the Committee is requested to authorise the Head of Legal, Property and Governance and Monitoring Officer, after consultation with the relevant Chairman, to convene meetings of the Referrals (Assessment), Review and Standards (Consideration and Hearing) Sub-Committees as necessary and to appoint Members to the various Sub-Committees as appropriate in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

**6. ETHICAL STANDARDS AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

To invite Councillor I C Bates, Leader of the District Council to address the Committee.

**7. THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (FURTHER PROVISIONS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2009**

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To consider a report by the Head of Legal, Property and Governance and Monitoring Officer regarding the content of Regulations which came into force on 15th June 2009 - to follow.

**8. STANDARDS STATISTICS (Pages 5 - 10)**

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To note latest statistics published by the Standards Board for England – report by the Head of Legal, Property & Governance and Monitoring Officer enclosed

**9. OTHER ISSUES - ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT WIDE (Pages 11 - 14)**

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To consider a report by the Head of Legal, Property and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

**10. LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES (Pages 15 - 16)**

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To note the Code of Conduct enquiries recorded by the Head of Law, Property and Governance and Monitoring Officer since the meeting held in March.

**11. REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

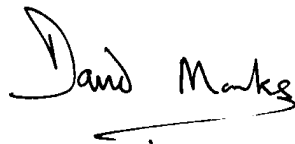
- (a) **Referrals (Assessment) Sub-Committee**
- (b) **Review Sub-Committee**
- (c) **Standards (Consideration and Hearing) Sub-Committee**

To receive reports from the Chairmen of the three Sub-Committees.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2009 at 4pm at the Council's Operations Centre, Eastfield House, Latham Road, Huntingdon.

Dated this 2 day of July 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Mankie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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](mailto: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 Committee.**

**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.**

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