

A meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in the **AQUARIUS ROOM, ST. IVO LEISURE CENTRE, WESTWOOD ROAD, ST. IVES, PE27 6WU** on **THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2009** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES

Contact

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1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2009.

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. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

To report the resignation of Mr M Reece as Councillor from the Offords Parish Council and consequently as Parish Council representative on the Standards Committee. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils have been requested to nominate a replacement representative.

4. REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEE

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

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

The Chairman of the Sub-Committees to report on the business considered since the last meeting.

5. 2009 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

To invite those Members who attended to comment on this year's Annual Assembly.

6. UPDATE ON CODE REVISION

Members will be aware that the Department for Communities and Local Government is responsible for dealing with revisions to the Members' Code of Conduct and for introducing a new national code for Officers. Current advice is that the revised code will be ready in late Autumn 2009. It is not anticipated that there will be many changes to the Code this time. The

main change will be to allow the Code to cover Members in their non-official capacity where that conduct would be a criminal offence. Further consultation on the introduction of a Code for Officers is likely to take place in 2010.

7. LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES

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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 September.

8. TRANSFER OF WORK FROM ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND INTO UNIFIED TRIBUNAL STRUCTURE

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To note a report by the Head of Law Property and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

9. STANDARDS COMMITTEE - WEB STRATEGY

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

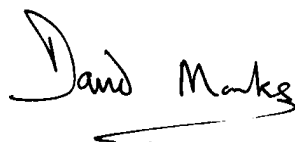
10. ASSESSMENT MADE CLEAR DVD

An opportunity to view the latest training aid produced by Standards for England. The DVD is designed to help Members involved in the assessment of complaints. Running time - 44 minutes.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held at 4pm on Thursday 4th March 2010.

Dated this 25 day of November 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Mankie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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 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.

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.

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