A meeting of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE will be held in ROOM CVSO1a, CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, HUNTINGDON, CAMBS PE29 3TN on THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2010 at 4:00 PM and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

Contact (01480)

## 1. **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2010.

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#### 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. REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

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

The Sub-Committee met on 28th July to assess a complaint received about a Member serving on Bluntisham Parish Council. No further action was recommended as it was considered that there was no breach of the Code of Conduct. A further meeting of the Sub-Committee is to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

#### (b) Review Sub-Committee

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

These Sub-Committees have not been required to meet since July.

## 4. **STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND - LATEST?** (Pages 7 - 8)

To consider a report by the Head of Law, Property and Governance and Monitoring Officer regarding the latest developments following the Government's announcement 'to abolish the Standards Board' regime.

C Deller 388007

## 5. STANDARDS UPDATE (Pages 9 - 16)

Update by the Head of Law, Property and Governance and Monitoring Officer on the progress of several standards "issues".

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## 6. LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES (Pages 17 - 18)

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

C Meadowcroft 388021

# 7. SUMMARIES OF RECENTLY COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS (Pages 19 - 22)

To note two case summaries involving Hyndburn Borough Council recently published by Standards for England.

C Meadowcroft 388021

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 2nd December 2010 in the Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon.

Dated this 1 day of September 2010

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/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.

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