

A meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** will be held in Room **CVSO1A, CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2011** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES

Contact

1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

**C Deller
388007**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2011.

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 is due to meet on 1st September 2011 (after the despatch of the Agenda.) The Chairman will update the Committee on the conclusions reached on the two cases to be considered involving Members from St. Ives and St. Neots Town Councils.

(b) Review Sub-Committee

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

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

4. STANDARD FOR ENGLAND - LATEST? (Pages 5 - 6)

**C Meadowcroft
388021**

To note the content of a press release published by the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors (ACSeS) on the progress of the Localism Bill through Parliament and specifically those provisions relating to ethical standards. The Monitoring Officer to update the Committee on any further developments subsequent to the despatch of the agenda.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION (Pages 7 - 10)

**C Deller
388007**

To consider a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and

Monitoring Officer regarding applications received for dispensations on behalf of town and parish councils in Huntingdonshire.

6. LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES (Pages 11 - 12)

**C Meadowcroft
388021**

To note the Code of Conduct enquiries recorded by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer since the meeting held in July.

7. TRAINING UPDATE

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388021**

Since the last meeting, the Monitoring Officer has presented training on the Code of Conduct to St Neots Town Council and enquiries have been made about the possibility of sessions for Huntingdon Town Council and for several parishes in the north of the District hosted by Farcet Parish Council.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held Thursday 1st December 2011 in the Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon.

Dated this 31 day of August 2011

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Head of Paid Service

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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