

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, 21 JUNE 2012** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Committee.

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2011.

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 Item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 below.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

5. REPORTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES

To receive reports from the Chairmen of the Referrals (Assessment), Review and Consideration & Hearing Sub Committees.

6. NEW STANDARDS REGIME (Pages 5 - 44)

To consider a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer regarding the arrangements which are required to comply with the introduction of a new standards regime with effect from 1st July 2012.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION (Pages 45 - 48)

To consider a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer in respect of two applications received for dispensation from St Ives Town and Great and Little Gidding Parish Councils.

8. LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES (Pages 49 - 54)

To note the Code of Conduct enquiries recorded by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer since the meeting held in December 2011.

9. TRAINING UPDATE

To report that the Monitoring Officer presented training to St Ives Town Council on 30th May 2012 and to newly elected District Councillors as part of their 'New Member Induction'.

10. CASE DETAILS (Pages 55 - 56)

To note the outcome of a recent case.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To remind Members that the next meeting of the Committee is due to take place at 4pm on Thursday 5th July 2012.

Dated this 153 day of June 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sharp', written in a cursive style.

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@huntingdonshire.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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