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To: The Chairman and Members of the
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
City Council Members:
Councillors Gibbon, Moderate, McDonnell and Simpson
Parish Council Member
Councillor C W Beswick
Independent Members
Mr BRJ Ingleby (Chairman) Mr D Hollingworth

Cc: Councillor Marsden
Messrs Steel & Shamash Solicitors
Mr E Barber
Mrs C Prest
Mrs C Greenlay – Deputy Monitoring Officer

Dear Sir/Madam

Meeting of Standards Committee – Local Investigation

There will be a meeting of the Standards Committee on Monday 19 February 2007 at 10 am in the Mayor's Chamber, Town Hall.

The meeting has been convened in order to conduct a hearing into an allegation that a Member of the City Council failed to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Members' Interest
3. To conduct a hearing into an allegation that Councillor Marsden failed to comply with the City Council's Code of Conduct
 - a. To resolve whether to exclude the press and public during all or part of the hearing
 - b. To conduct the hearing

Papers attached:

- App. 1. Report of the Monitoring Officer
2. The complaint from Mr Eric Barber
3. Report of the investigating officer
4. Response from Councillor Marsden
5. The City Council's Code of Conduct
6. Standards Board guidance on exclusion of press and public from hearings.
7. Code of Practice on procedure to be followed at Local Standards Hearing.

Yours faithfully

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