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A meeting of the	Standards Committee
will be held in the	Members Meeting Room, Council Offices, Easington
on	Monday 23 April 2007
at	10.00 am

Janet Johnson. Chief Executive

Agenda

1 **The Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 13 February 2007 are attached.

2 Adoption of a New Code of Conduct for Councillors

Report of the Monitoring Officer attached.

3 Standards Training Event – The New Code and a New Mock Hearing

Members are requested to consider representation at this training event organised by Sedgefield District Council – copy invite attached.

4 Annual Assembly of the Standards Board for England

Members are advised that the Annual Assembly of the Standards Board for England will be held on 15 and 16 October 2007.

Last year, the Monitoring Officer attended as a speaker at the expense of the Standards Board and reported to the Committee. The Monitoring Officer recommends that in light of the new Code of Conduct and the emphasis on local investigation and determination of complaints, it would be worthwhile incurring the expense of at least one delegate attending this year's Assembly.

5 Standards Board for England's Roadshow

Members are advised that four places have been booked on this event to be held on 12 June 2007 at Newcastle.

6 Any Additional Urgent Items of Business

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, Section 100B(4)(b), to consider any item the Chair considers to be urgent, following consultation with the Proper Officer.

To: All Members of the Standards Committee

Councillors B Burn, B Joyce, R G Wharrier and B Wilson

Mr W Local Mr E Smith Mrs M Goyns Miss J. Clark