

21 June 2005

Dear Member,

A meeting of the District Council's Standards Committee will be held in **Conference Room No 3, Civic Centre, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street** on Thursday 30 June 2005 at 4.00pm.

Yours sincerely

R TEMPLEMAN

Chief Executive

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Meeting held 31 March 2005 (copy herewith)
3. Matters Arising
4. To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members
5. Speak-Out Policy (copy herewith)
Report of the Head of Organisational Development
6. A Code for District Council Members on Gifts and Hospitality (copy herewith)
Report of the Monitoring Officer
7. Quorum of Standards Committees (copy herewith)
Report of the Monitoring Officer
8. Public Awareness of Standards (copy herewith)
Report of the Monitoring Officer
9. Review of the District Council's Constitution (copy herewith)
Report of the Monitoring Officer
10. Performance Review – Monitoring Officer Functions (copy herewith)
Report of the Monitoring Officer

11. District Council Protocol on Use of Information Technology by Members
Report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith)
12. Local Investigation of Standards Complaints and Local Hearings Procedure
Report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith)
13. Date and Time of Next Meeting