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To: The Chairman and Members of the
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
City Council Members:
Councillors Holland, Moderate, Simpson and Thompson
Parish Council Members:
Councillors J Anderson and Mrs P Hudson
Independent Members:
Mr B R J Ingleby (Chairman), Mr D Hollingworth and Mrs T Naples

Dear Sir/Madam

Meeting of Standards Committee – Local Investigation SBE 19731.07

There will be a meeting of the Standards Committee on Wednesday 5 March 2008 at 9.30 am in Conference Room A at Dragonville.

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

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Members' Interest
3. To conduct a hearing into an allegation that Councillor Fawcett failed to comply with the Parish 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.

In support of the above, please find attached the following papers:-

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1. Report of the Monitoring Officer
 2. Complaint from Mr Mark Gilbank

3. Report of the Investigating Officer (Previously circulated. Please advise if a further copy is required)
4. Parish Council's Code of Conduct (2007 Code adopted May 2007)
5. Standards Board guidance on exclusion of press and public from hearings
6. Code of Practice on procedure to be followed at Local Standards Hearings

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Seal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE