

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday,  
3 November 2005  
1.00 p.m.

Council Chamber,  
Council Offices, Spennymoor

# AGENDA and REPORTS



## AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

**3. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005. (Pages 1 – 4)

**4. STANDARDS TRAINING UPDATE**

A verbal presentation will be given at the meeting by Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer.

**5. SUMMARY OF STANDARDS BOARD CONFERENCE: BIRMINGHAM 2005**

Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer attached. (Pages 5 – 8)

**6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

To consider a report of the Chief Executive Officer containing proposals for a review and changes to the Constitution. (Pages 9 – 120)

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 1.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Spennymoor.

**8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

Members are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive Officer notice of items they would wish to raise under the heading not later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting, in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

N. Vaulks  
Chief Executive Officer

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2005

L. Petterson (Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, Mrs. L. Hovvels, G.M.R. Howe and J. Wayman J.p.

Councillor J. Marr (Spennymoor Town Council)  
Mr. I. Jamieson (Independent Member)

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## Background Documents

### *Monitoring Officer's Advice: MO Series issued since last meeting*

- MO58 Preparation of Reports: A Guidance Note – April 2004
- MO59 Standards Board for England “MP’s back the Board’s progress.”
- MO60 SBC: Code allows for public interest defence
- MO61 Update for Town and Parish Council Members
- MO62 Update for Members of the Standards Committee: Standards Committee News
- MO63 Update: How to Conduct an Investigation
- MO64 Standards Board Bulletin – Update
- MO65 Standards Board Conference: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September 2005

### *MO/SBC Series*

Nil

### MO/SBC/CONS Series

MO/SBC/CONS8 Up to date versions of the Councils Constitution

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