

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday,
9 February 2006
1.00 p.m.

Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Spennymoor

AGENDA and REPORTS

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2005. (Pages 1 - 4)
3. **SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS:
"STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE
FUTURE - DECEMBER 2005**

To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 5 - 10)
4. **AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT TRENDS IN ALLEGATIONS OF
MISCONDUCT AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL - 2005**

To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 11 - 16)
5. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive Officer. (Pages 17 - 22)
6. **FORTHCOMING COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: KEY
LINES OF ENQUIRY: CORPORATE OF GOVERNANCE INSPECTION:
IMPLICATIONS FOR STANDARDS AND ETHICS, FOR STANDARDS
COMMITTEE AND MEMBER TRAINING - TAKING THE ETHICS AGENDA
FORWARD**

To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 23 - 26)
7. **REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING POLICY**

To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive Officer. (Pages 27 - 38)
8. **INDEMNITIES FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS IMPACT OF THE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES (INDEMNITIES FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS) ORDER
2004**

To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 39 - 42)
9. **STANDARDS TRAINING UPDATE**

To receive an oral report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer on future arrangements.
10. **"GOING LOCAL" INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS**

To receive a DVD presentation on local hearings produced by the Standards Board for England for Standards Committee Member guidance.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th April 2006 at 1.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Spennymoor.

12. 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
1st February 2006

Councillor 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)

Background Documents

Monitoring Officer's Advice:

MO Series

MO66 Clearer Code on the Cards: Standards Board Bulletin
MO67 Future of Code SBE Bulletin
MO68 Standards Board Guidance: Dual-Hatted Members
MO69 Bi-Annual Review of Registers of Interests & Gifts & Hospitality
MO70 Proposed Changes: Framework Governing Standards of Conduct
MO71 Standards Board Bulletin No. 27

MO/SBC Series

MO/SBC 33 Advice Note: Preparation of Reports for Management Team

MO/SBC/CONS Series

MO/SBC CONS9 Dates for Constitutional Review
MO/SBC CONS10 Constitutional Review following Council Meeting, 25th
November 2005

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