

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 February 2007

1.00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Council  
Offices, Spennymoor

# AGENDA and REPORTS

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006. (Pages 1 - 4)
4. **REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING POLICY**  
To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive. (Pages 5 - 16)
5. **STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND: LEADER'S ETHICAL PLAN 2007-08**  
To consider the attached report of the Leader of the Council. (Pages 17 - 26)
6. **MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT: STANDARDS ATTENDANCE REVIEW 2006**  
To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 27 - 30)
7. **STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER - IMPLICATIONS FOR STANDARDS AND ETHICS**  
To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 31 - 36)
8. **STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND CONFERENCE: LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND APPEALS FROM LOCAL DECISIONS**  
To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 37 - 40)
9. **AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT TRENDS IN ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL**  
To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 41 - 48)
10. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**  
To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive. (Pages 49 - 58)
11. **STANDARDS TRAINING EVENTS: 28TH SEPTEMBER, 9TH OCTOBER AND 23RD OCTOBER 2006: EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK**  
To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 59 - 66)
12. **REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

To consider the attached report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer (Pages 67 - 72)

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 1.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Spennymoor.

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

Members are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive 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.

B. Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2007

L. Petterson (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, Mrs. L. Hovvels, Mrs. C. Sproat and J. Wayman J.P

Councillor J. Marr (Spennymoor Town Council)

Mr. I. Jamieson (Independent Member)

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