

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 1 November 2007 1.00 p.m.

> Conference Room 1, Council Offices, Spennymoor

# **AGENDA** REPORTS





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#### (Arabic) العربية

إذا أردت المعلومات بلغة أخرى أو بطريقة أخرى، نرجو أن تطلب ذلك منا.

#### বাংলা (Bengali)

যদি আপনি এই ডকুমেন্ট অন্য ভাষায় বা ফরমেটে চান, তাহলে দয়া করে আমাদেরকে বলুন।

#### (中文 (繁體字)) (Cantonese)

如欲索取以另一語文印製或另一格式製作的資料,請與我們聯絡。

#### हिन्दी (Hindi)

यदि आपको सूचना किसी अन्य भाषा या अन्य रूप में चाहिये तो कृपया हमसे कहे

#### polski (Polish)

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#### ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi)

ਜੇ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ, ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਸਾਥੋਂ ਮੰਗ ਲਓ।

#### Español (Spanish)

Póngase en contacto con nosotros si desea recibir información en otro idioma o formato.

(Urdu) اروو

اگرآپ کومعلومات کسی دیگرزبان یا دیگرشکل میں در کار ہوں تو برائے مہربانی ہم سے پوچھئے۔

#### **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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007. (Pages 1 - 4)

#### 4. THE CODE OF CONDUCT - THE CODE UNCOVERED

**DVD** Presentation.

#### 5. STANDARDS BOARD ANNUAL REVIEW 2006/2007

Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 5 - 10)

### 6. STANDARDS TRAINING EVENT: WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2007: EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Report to Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 11 - 18)

## 7. STANDARDS TRAINING EVENTS 29TH AUGUST, 5TH SEPTEMBER AND 26TH SEPTEMBER 2007: EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 19 - 26)

## 8. SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND - 15TH - 16TH OCTOBER 2007 - BIRMINGHAM

Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer to report at the meeting.

#### 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008

#### 10. 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.

#### **Background Documents**

Monitoring Officer's advice issued:

#### **MO Series**

MO86 Town and Parish Standard from the Standards Board for England

Issue 8

MO87 Register of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality: New Administration

Arrangements for Parish and Town Councils with effect from

1st December 2006

MO/88	Bi-Annual Review of Registers of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality
MO/89	Advice Note for Members of Regulatory Committees – Conflicts of Interest
MO/90	A Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members
MO/91	Implementation of the Revised Model Code of Conduct for Members
MO/92	May 2007 Elections: Requirements for Parish and Town Councils
MO/93	New Code of Conduct for Members – Latest Guidance
MO/94	New Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils
MO/95	Fraud Awareness, Prevention and Detection Policy: Code of
	Practice for Members and Officers: Declaration of Interest in
	Benefit Claims
MO/96	Advice to Borough Council Members: Area Forums and the New Code of Conduct
MO/97	Members Planning Code of Good Practice
MO/98	Member Training Events
MO/99	Letter – Changes in Responsibilities effective from 17th September 2007
MO/100	Letter – Standards Board for England : Occasional Paper Issue 1 : August 2007 : Pre-disposition/Pre-determination or Bias and the Code of Conduct
MO/101	Standards Board Bulletin No. 35

#### **MO/SBC Series**

MO/SBC42	Strategic Leadership Working Group – 4th January 2007 –
	Employment Issues – Advice from the Information Commissioners
	Office
MO/SBC43	Criminal Records Bureau Checks
MO/SBC44	Potential for Conflicts of Interest : Member and Officer Issues :
	Advising and Making Decisions on Joint Arrangements, External
	Arrangements, etc. – File Ref. A3243

#### MO/SBC/Cons Series

MO/SBC/CONS/16	Constitution – Website
MO/SBC/CONS/17	Amendments to the Constitution approved at Council on
	24th November 2006
MO/SBC/CONS/18	Publication of the Constitution approved at Council on
	27th July 2007

B. Allen Chief Executive

**Council Offices SPENNYMOOR** 

Mr. L. Petterson (Chairman)

Councillors A. Gray, T. Hogan, Mrs. L. Hovvels, Mrs. E. Maddison and J. Wayman J.P Councillor J. Marr (Spennymoor Town Council)

Mr. I. Jamieson (Independent Member)

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