

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday,
7 February 2008
1.00 p.m.

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

AGENDA and REPORTS



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العربية (Arabic)

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)

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo uzyskać informacje w innym języku lub w innym formacie, prosimy dać nam znać.

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.

اردو (Urdu)

اگر آپ کو معلومات کسی دیگر زبان یا دیگر شکل میں درکار ہوں تو برائے مہربانی ہم سے پوچھیے۔

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 1st November 2007. (Pages 1 - 4)
4. **MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT - STANDARDS: ATTENDANCE REVIEW 2007**
Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 5 - 8)
5. **STANDARDS TRAINING EVENTS**
 - (a) **REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT - 28TH NOVEMBER 2007 - EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK**
Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 9 - 14)
 - (b) **REGULATORY COMMITTEES - DECISION PROCESS - 29TH NOVEMBER 2007 - EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK**
Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 15 - 20)
6. **NATIONAL AUDIT COMMISSION SURVEY - WHAT'S THE SCORE**
Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 21 - 26)
7. **AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT TRENDS IN ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL 2006 - 2007**
Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 27 - 32)
8. **REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**
Report of Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 33 - 40)
9. **STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND: LEADER'S ETHICAL PLAN 2008 - 09**
Report of the Leader. (Pages 41 - 56)
10. **REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING POLICY**
Report of Chief Executive. (Pages 57 - 68)
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Next meeting to be held on 3rd April 2008.

12. 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 - update:

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MO/102 Code of Conduct 2007 – Fact Sheets: Published October 2007

Attachments – Bullying; Disclosing Confidential Information; Gifts and Hospitality; Lobby Groups and Declarations of Interest; Personal and Prejudicial Interests and the Ethical Framework for Local Government

MO/103 Letter – Cabinet Report – Large Scale Voluntary Transfer : Approval up to Ballot – Report of Director of Housing : Cabinet – 8th November 2007

Attachment – Report to Standards Committee – 10th February 2005 – Conflicts of Interest and Decision Making Arrangements

MO/104 Letter – Bi-Annual Review of Registers of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality

MO/105 Bulletin No. 36

MO/SBC:

MO/SBC/45 Local Government Review : Politically Restricted Posts, Disqualification and the Member Code of Conduct

MO/SBC/CONS: None.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
30th January 2008

Councillor L. Petterson (Chairman)
Councillors A. Gray, T. Hogan, Mrs. L. Hovvels and Mrs. E. Maddison
Councillor J. Marr (Spennymoor Town Council)
Mr. I. Jamieson (Independent Member)

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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