



## **Standards Committee**

**Date**        **Tuesday 25 June 2013**  
**Time**        **9.30 am**  
**Venue**       **Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's agreement.**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2013 (Pages 1 - 4)
3. Declarations of Interest, if any
4. Future Reporting Arrangements for Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions - Report of Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services (Pages 5 - 10)
5. Changes Regarding the Local Government Ombudsman - Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Pages 11 - 16)
6. Members Acting for Developers - Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Pages 17 - 22)
7. Probity in Planning - New Guidance issued by the Local Government Association - Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Pages 23 - 44)
8. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.
9. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information.

## **Part B**

### **Items during which it is considered the meeting is not likely to be open to the public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)**

10. Monitoring Officer Other Action - Complaints involving Members at a Town Council - Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Pages 45 - 48)
11. Local Investigation - Case Reference LA175 - Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Pages 49 - 54)
12. Update on the handling of Current Complaints - Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Pages 55 - 62)
13. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

**Colette Longbottom**

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall  
Durham  
17 June 2013

**To: The Members of the Standards Committee**

Councillors J Armstrong, E Bell, J Clark, M Dixon, B Graham, G Holland, E Huntington, I Jewell, W Stelling, B Stephens and M Williams

**Parish and Town Council Representatives:-**

Town Councillor AJ Cooke and Town Councillor T Batson