

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Thursday, 21st December, 2006
at 2.00 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Members

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| Mike Wilkinson (Chair) | (Independent Member) |
| C Grant | (Independent Member) |
| Rosemary Greaves | (Reserve Independent Member) |

Councillors

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| E Nash | G Kirkland | J L Carter |
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Parish Members

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| Councillor Mrs P Walker | Pool in Wharfedale Parish Council |
| Councillor John C Priestley | East Keswick Parish Council (Reserve Member) |

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| 1 | | | <p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)</p> | |
| 2 | | | <p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC</p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p> | |
| 3 | | | <p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p> | |
| 4 | | | <p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 13 of the Members' Code of Conduct</p> | |
| 5 | | | <p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 4th October 2006 and consider any matters arising.</p> | 1 - 6 |
| 6 | | | <p>MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</p> <p>To note the minutes of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee meeting of 27th September 2006.</p> | 7 - 12 |

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| 7 | | | <p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' FORUM OF YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE</p> <p>To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee Independent Members' Forum meeting of 24th October 2006.</p> | 13 - 22 |
| 8 | | | <p>MEMBERS' ICT</p> <p>To consider a report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer consulting the Committee on the updated draft Members ICT policy.</p> | 23 - 38 |
| 9 | | | <p>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND: BULLETIN 31</p> <p>To note a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services together with the latest Bulletin by the Standards Board for England, providing information and advice on a range of conduct issues.</p> | 39 - 50 |
| 10 | | | <p>TOWN AND PARISH STANDARD 08</p> <p>To note a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services together with the latest Town and Parish Standard by the Standards Board for England, providing information and advice on a range of conduct issues.</p> | 51 - 58 |
| 11 | | | <p>STANDARDS BOARD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services detailing the events of the Standards Board Annual Assembly and providing feedback from those Members who attended the assembly.</p> | 59 - 78 |
| 12 | | | <p>ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND - DECISIONS OF CASE TRIBUNALS</p> <p>To note a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services detailing recent decisions by Adjudication Panel Case Tribunals in respect of allegations of misconduct, and consider if there are any lessons to learn for Leeds.</p> | 79 - 90 |

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| 13 | | | <p>ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND - ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>To note a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining the contents of the Adjudication Panel's Annual Report for the year ending March 2006.</p> | 91 - 96 |
| 14 | | | <p>HIGH COURT DECISION - LIVINGSTONE APPEAL OUTCOME</p> <p>To note a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining the recent High Court decision regarding Ken Livingstone's appeal against the Adjudication Panel's decision that he had breached the Code of Conduct.</p> | 97 - 102 |
| 15 | | | <p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE HALF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT</p> <p>To approve a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining the work done by the Standards Committee in the last six months to be presented to the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee at their next meeting.</p> | 103 - 110 |
| 16 | | | <p>REVISED MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining the contents of the revised Code of Conduct to be released in May 2007, and providing the opportunity to respond to the consultation process.</p> | 111 - 116 |
| 17 | | | <p>PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL TRAINING</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services advising Members of the Committee of the training for Parish and Town Councils which has taken place in the last six months.</p> | 117 - 126 |

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| 18 | | | <p>ETHICAL AUDIT QUESTIONNAIRE - PRELIMINARY RESULTS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining the final response statistics to the Ethical Audit questionnaire and some preliminary results.</p> | 127 - 140 |
| 19 | | | <p>FEEDBACK ON CONSULTATION PROCESS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL ON MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining the response received to the consultation process regarding the amendments proposed to the Protocol on Member/officer Relations.</p> | 141 - 166 |
| 20 | | | <p>PROTOCOL ON MEMBER/EDUCATION LEEDS RELATIONS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining whether the arrangements set out in the protocol have been complied with and any proposals for amendments in the light of any issues which have arisen during the year.</p> | 167 - 200 |
| 21 | | | <p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</p> <p>To note the updated work programme for the Standards Committee.</p> | 201 - 206 |