

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on  
Wednesday, 13th February, 2008  
at 2.00 pm

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### Independent Members

Mike Wilkinson (Chair)	(Independent Member)
Rosemary Greaves	(Independent Member)
Vacancy	(Independent Member)

#### Councillors

D Blackburn  
JL Carter  
J Elliott  
G Kirkland  
E Nash

#### Parish Members

Councillor Mrs P Walker	Pool in Wharfedale Parish Council
Councillor John C Priestley	East Keswick Parish Council

# A G E N D A

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1			<p><b>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</b></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><b>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC</b></p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p>	
3			<p><b>LATE ITEMS</b></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><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b></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 12 of the Members' Code of Conduct</p>	
5			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and consider any matters arising.</p>	1 - 8
6			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>To note the minutes of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008.</p>	9 - 18

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7		10.4(1, 2, 7c)	<p><b>LOCAL INVESTIGATION INTO A COMPLAINT AGAINST A MEMBER (REFERENCE: SBE 19504.07)</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Chief Officer (Legal, Licensing and Registration) detailing the outcome of a local investigation into a complaint against an elected Member and the Investigating Officer's final findings.</p> <p>Appendices 1 and 2 to this report are marked as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rules 10.4 (1, 2 and 7C)</p>	19 - 78
8			<p><b>LEEDS CITY COUNCIL CASE SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) presenting a recent case summary published on the Standards Board for England website concerning a Leeds City Councillor, and any possible lessons to be learnt.</p>	79 - 82
9			<p><b>LOCAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the new arrangements for the local assessment of complaints due for implementation in April 2008, including the creation of sub-committees.</p>	83 - 92
10			<p><b>CONSULTATION ON THE NEW ORDERS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) presenting the consultation paper produced by Communities and Local Government and the draft response from Leeds City Council.</p>	93 - 142

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11			<p><b>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND LOCAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) benchmarking the position of Leeds City Council with regard to the new local standards regime and advising Members of the Committee of the various areas requiring further work.</p>	143 - 148
12			<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MONITORING OFFICER PROTOCOL</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining whether the arrangements set out in the protocol have been complied with and including any proposals for amendment in light of issues arising since the last report.</p>	149 - 162
13			<p><b>PROTOCOL ON MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the comments received from consultees regarding amendments to be made to the protocol.</p>	163 - 188
14			<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) seeking comments on the draft Standards Committee Annual Report 2007/08.</p>	189 - 214
15			<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining the contents of the work programme for the rest of the 2007/08 municipal year.</p>	215 - 220