

Standards Committee

To: Councillors Bainton (Independent Member, in the Chair), Kirk, Horton (Vice-Chair), Hudson, Leaman (Independent Member) and Crawford (Parish Council Member)

Date: Friday, 25 January 2008

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes

(Pages 3 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 9 November 2007.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak, regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the remit of the Standards Committee, may do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00 pm on Thursday, 24 January 2008**.

4. Outcome of Complaint Regarding a Member of Nether Poppleton Parish Council (Pages 9 - 12)

This report advises the Standards Committee of the outcome of a complaint regarding Councillor John Craven of Nether Poppleton Parish Council. No evidence was found that the member had breached the Code of Conduct.

5. Ethical Governance Audit (Pages 13 - 38)

This report advises Members of further progress on the Ethical Governance Audit, including the outcome of Stage 2.

6. Consultation on Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England (Pages 39 - 76)

This report advises Members of the consultation by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on arrangements to implement the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 in relation to the ethical framework, and suggests a response to the consultation.

7. Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (Pages 77 - 82)

This report advises Members of the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 in relation to the ethical framework and the implications for the Standards Committee.

8. Review of Work Plan

To review the work plan for the Standards Committee for the 2007/08 municipal year. The latest version of the work plan is annexed to the minutes of the previous meeting, at page 7 of this agenda.

9. Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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