

16 January 2007

Dear Councillor

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Standards Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Monday 29 January 2007 at 4.00 pm.

Yours faithfully

ALASDAIR BOVAIRD

Chief Executive

**A G E N D A
P A R T I**

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2006 (attached).
- 3 Business arising.
- 4 Guidance from the Standards Board.

Item for information

On 20 November 2006, this Committee considered a report on the outcome of the case of Ken Livingstone v the Adjudication Panel for England. The Standards Board have now issued guidance in the light of this case and this report is to inform Members of the content of that guidance.

- 5 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill.

Item for information

Following extensive consultation by the Standards Board for England and the report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, the Government committed to reform the Ethical Standards framework contained in Part III Local Government Act 2000.

The Government has now published the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health bill which puts forward amendments. This report is to inform members of the amendments which are proposed.

6 Appointment of Independent Persons to Standards Committee.

Item for information

As highlighted in a report to this Committee on 16 January 2006, the Council has been operating its Standards Committee under transitional arrangements and now needs to re-advertise the posts of Independent Persons to sit on the Committee. The Constitution Task Group has been asked to consider the Constitution of the Standards Committee and the selection process.

7 Training (verbal report).

8 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To:- Councillors C A Cant, C D Down, R T Harris and R M Lemon.

Also to:- Mr S Brady and Mr M Hall (Independent Persons) and Councillors Leeder and Merrion (Town and Parish Councils).

Lead Officer:- Michael Perry

Committee Officer:- Mick Purkiss

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