

2 November 2007

Dear Councillor

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Standards Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Monday 12 November 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 17 September 2007.
- 3 Business arising.
- 4 Lead Officer's Report.

Item for information

Members are asked to note the report of the Monitoring Officer

- 5 Sixth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.

Item for decision

This report is to inform members of issues raised at the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees held on 15 & 16 October at the ICC, Birmingham and to seek member's views as to how they wish to respond to proposed changes in legislation.

- 6 Report on the Association of Independent Members of Standards Committees in England.

Item for decision

Members are asked to determine whether or not it would be appropriate to have representation on the Association and if so nominate members for that purpose.

- 7 Training (verbal report).
- 8 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

Part II

(Section 100 I Paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

- 9 Report into alleged breach of the Code of Conduct.

To:- Councillors C A Cant, C D Down, K L Eden and R M Lemon.

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

Lead Officer: Michael Perry

Committee Officer: Mick Purkiss

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