

21 February 2014

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Standards Committee will be held in the Committee Room, London Road, Saffron Walden on Monday 3 March 2014 at 4.00pm.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

Chief Executive

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To: Councillors C Cant, K Eden, E Godwin, **M Lemon** J Loughlin and J Menell (District Councillors)  
Mr A Brobyn, Mrs G Butcher - Doulton and Mr V Lelliott (Independent Persons)

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