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NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Friday, 17 July 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

Venue at

Room 14, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Jaki Salisbury
Interim Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE :-

Cllrs Mrs J G Lawrence, P Rawcliffe, A A J Rogers, J Street and
G Summerfield,

Independent

Persons:

Town and Parish

Representatives:

Mr K Ford(Chairman), Mr J Dann, Mr K Frazer,

Mr M Jones and Miss D C Maggs

Mr B Collier, Mrs K Cursons, Dr W J Eilbeck,

Ms J Hughes and Ms J Rollings

Other Members of the Council – as requested.

All other Members of the Council - on request

**MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS
MEETING**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members.

2. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2009/10**

To appoint the Elected Member Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

(It was agreed at the Standards Committee meeting held on 1 May 2009, that the appointment of the elected member following the Elections held on 4 June 2009.)

3. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on .

(previously circulated)

4. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members declarations and the **nature** thereof in relation to:-

- (a) Personal Interests in any Agenda item
- (b) Personal and Prejudicial Interests in any Agenda item

5. **Public Participation**

To deal with general questions and statements from members of the public in accordance with the scheme of public participation set out in Annex 1 to Part A4 of the Constitution.

6. **Disclosure of any Exempt Information**

To consider proposals, if any, to deal with any item likely to involve disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 prior to the exclusion of the press and public.

REPORTS

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
7	Standard Board Bulletin Nos. 43 and 44 To draw to Members' attention latest Bulletins issued by the Standards Board for England.	* 1 - 14
8	Invitation to Join the Association of Independent Members of Standards Committees in England To draw to Members' attention a letter received from AIMSce inviting Independent Members to join the Association.	* 15 - 20
9	Update on Current Standard Matters To advise Members on the latest position relating Assessment Reviews and Hearings.	* 21 - 24
10	The Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009 To update Members on the latest Standards Committee Regulations, which came into force from 15 June 2009.	* 25 - 42
11	Review of Gifts & Hospitality Code To review the Gifts and Hospitality Code with a view to making any recommendations to the Constitution and Governance Working Group for consideration.	* 43 - 50
12	Review of Officer/Member Protocol To review the Officer/Member Protocol with a view to making any recommendations to the Constitution and Governance working Group for consideration.	* 51 - 68
13	Bringing Standards into Focus - Standards Board Conference 12 - 13 October 2009 To bring to the attention of Members the date of the Annual Assembly of the Standards Board for England and to determine those attending the Conference.	*

(It was agreed at the Standards Committee meeting held on 1 May 2009, that the appointment of the elected Member attendee would be deferred until after the 4 June 2009 Elections. In addition, Mr Dann has confirmed that he is unable to attend as the Independent Member representative so an alternative needs to be appointed).

**Item Likely to be Considered following
the Exclusion of the Public**

To consider whether to pass a resolution under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that the consideration of the item is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Report

<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Exempt Para.</i>	<i>Page Nos.</i>
14	Report of an Investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 by an Ethical Standards Officer into an allegation concerning a former member of Bedfordshire County Council and South Beds District Council To receive a report form the Ethical Standards Officer of the Standards Board for England in respect of allegations made against a former Bedfordshire and South Bedfordshire District Councillor.	* 1	69 - 94