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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE (HEARING)**

Date & Time

**Monday, 29 September 2014 10.30 a.m.**

Venue at

**The Conference Room, Beadlow Manor Country Club,  
Amphill Road, Beadlow**

Richard Carr  
**Chief Executive**

To: The Members of the STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE:

Cllrs D Bowater, D Jones, Mrs J G Lawrence, K C Matthews and A Shadbolt

All other Members of the Council - on request

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

1. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

4. **Welcome, Introductions and Other Matters**

The Chairman to welcome all attendees, ask all Members, officers and others formally involved in the Standards Sub-Committee hearing to introduce themselves, advise the hearing of any relevant matters relating to the venue's facilities and deal with any administrative matters.

5. **Procedure for the Hearing of Referrals from the Monitoring Officer**

The Chairman to explain that, to ensure a fair and consistent approach is adopted at the hearing, which follows the principles of natural justice, the Sub-Committee will follow the procedure set out in the attached written document. The finding of facts and alleged failure to follow the Code of Conduct will be dealt with together.

6. **Preliminary Procedural Issues**

To resolve those issues of disagreement, if any, about how the hearing should continue, which have not been resolved during the pre-hearing process.

7. **Exclusion of Press and 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 Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**Exempt Documents**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exempt Para.</b>	<b>Page Nos.</b>
8.	<b>Consideration of Exempt Documents</b>	* 1, 2	13 - 124
	To consider exempt documents.		
9.	<b>Consideration of a Complaint Made Against a Northill Parish Councillor</b>		
	To consider the referral from the Monitoring Officer in connection with a complaint made against a Northill Parish Councillor in accordance with the 'Hearing Procedure for the General Purposes Standards Sub-Committee'.		
10.	<b>Recommendations to the Parish Council</b>		
	The Standards Sub-Committee will consider any verbal or written representations from the Investigating Officer before deciding whether or not it should make any recommendations to the Parish Council with a view to promoting high standards of conduct amongst Members.		
11.	<b>Decision</b>		
	To note that:		
	a)	the Standards Sub-Committee will announce its decision on the day the hearing concludes;	
	b)	the Sub-Committee will provide a short written decision on the day that the hearing concludes and provide a full written decision within two weeks of that date;	
	c)	the decision will be circulated to all relevant persons	
	d)	the right of appeal to Central Bedfordshire Council must be exercised within 21 days of the full written decision being issued.	

