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### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Standards Committee will be held in the Taw Room, Civic Centre, Barnstaple on **WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 AT 10.00 A.M.**

Members of Standards Committee: Independent Member Mr. Loft (Chairman)

North Devon Council Members: Councillors Mrs. Croft, Edgell, White and Wilkinson.

Independent Members: Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Clark, Mr. Condron and Miss. Irwin.

Parish/Town Council Members: Councillors Evans, Hardy, Monroe and Windsor.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (attached).
3. Items brought forward which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by the meeting as a matter of urgency.
4. Declarations of Interests. (Please complete the form provided at the meeting or telephone the Member Services Unit to prepare a form for your signature before the meeting. Interests must be re-declared when the item is called, and Councillors must leave the room if necessary.)
5. To agree the agenda between Part 'A' and Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted Information).

### **PART 'A'**

6. **Procedural Report References NDC 02.11, 03.11, 05.11 and 06.11.** Report of Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal Services (attached).

**7. Exclusion Of Public And Press and Restriction of Documents.**

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the follow items as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraphs 1 and 7(a) of parts 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to any individual and information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality; and
- (b) That all documents and reports relating to the items be confirmed as “Not for Publication”.

**PART 'B' (Confidential Restricted Information)**

- 8. Hearing Into Allegation of Breach of Member Code of Conduct: Complaint Reference NDC 02.11, 03.11, 05.11 and 06.11.** Report of Investigating Officer together with supplementary report of Investigation Officer (attached).

Standing Order 9(2)(b)

‘A Member shall not be entitled to attend the Appeals Sub-Committee or the Licensing and Regulatory Committee or its Sub-Committees when it is considering disciplinary hearings or the Standards Committee when it is convened to consider a report on the findings of an Ethical Standards Officer, referred to the Authority for local determination, or of the Monitoring Officer, or an Investigating Officer appointed by him, into an allegation of a breach of the Code of Conduct by a Member of the Council, or by a Member of a Parish Council within the administrative area of the District Council.

Standing Order 32(2)

‘notwithstanding paragraph (1) above, no Member other than a Member of the Standards Committee shall be entitled to any document or have access to any information prepared in connection with or pursuant to a report of the findings of an Ethical Standards Officer or the Monitoring Officer or an Investigating Officer appointed by him, in respect of any allegation(s) of a breach of the Code of Conduct by a Member of the Council or a Member of a Parish Council within the administrative area of the District Council prior to and until such documents may form the evidence presented to the Standards Committee at a hearing into any alleged breach or breaches of the Code of Conduct.

**NOTE:** In accordance with regulation 8 of The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 this meeting is not subject to the notice and publicity requirements under Part 5 of the Local Government Act 1972 and accordingly there is no public right of access to this meeting or documents in relation to this meeting.

**NOTE:** Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

In addition to any document specifically mentioned, reports included in this Agenda will have been prepared with reference to any or all of the following:

1. All relevant statutory provisions.
2. All relevant Government circulars and ministerial advice.
3. All relevant adopted policies of the Council.
4. Capital Works Programme.
5. Current Estimates.
6. Standing Orders
7. Consultants' opinion and advice.
8. Published works relevant to the subject of the report.

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**17.01.12**