



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Date: Wednesday 15 July 2009**

**Time: 6.00 p.m.**

**Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage**

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**Members:** Stewart Gillies - Independent (Chair), Ananda Hale - Independent, Allen Holland - Independent, D Kissane, Mrs J Lloyd, M Notley, G Snell, L Strange, B Underwood

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## AGENDA

### \*\*\*\* PART I

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 2 MINUTES - 13 JANUARY 2009

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009.

Minutes attached

#### 3 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES AND PAYMENTS

Report on a review of Members' allowances, payments and support and Members' guide to the allowances scheme and other assistance.

Report attached

Appendices attached

#### 4 REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Review of Register of Members' Interests and Registration of Gifts and Hospitality.

Report attached

Appendices attached

#### 5 THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (FURTHER PROVISIONS) (ENGLAND)

## **REGULATIONS 2009 AND STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND GUIDANCE ON OTHER ACTION**

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee on new statutory provisions for Standards Board intervention, Joint Standards Committees and dispensation and of new guidance from the Standards Board for England on Other Action.

Report attached  
Appendices attached

### **6 STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND ANNUAL RETURN**

Stevenage Borough Council Annual Return to the Standards Board for England

Report attached  
Appendices attached

### **7 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

To review the Ombudsman's complaint statistics for 2008/9.

Report attached  
Appendices attached

### **8 URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

### **9 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To consider the following motions:

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI 2006 No.88.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

## **\*\*\*\* PART II**

### **10 URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.