

COMMITTEE : STANDARDS

DATE : MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2003

TIME : 6.00 P.M.

PLACE : COMMITTEE ROOM 1, TOWN HALL, LUTON

COUNCILLORS : SIMMONS (CHAIR)
DOLLING
JOHNSTON
McKENZIE
MEAD

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: MR. J. JONES (VICE-CHAIR)
MS. L. HARRIS-JOHNSON
MR. B. NEALE
MRS. J. SPENDLEY


QUORUM : 5 MEMBERS (INCLUDING 2 INDEPENDENT MEMBERS)

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC


PURPOSE: This Committee advises the Council on its Code of Conduct for Members. The Committee also advises individual Members on matters of conduct; and advises and makes recommendations to the Council on training for Members on issues of conduct.


This meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

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AGENDA

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Page No.</i>
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	MINUTES	
	1. 16 th June, 2003.	1/3
3.	SECTION 106, LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1972 Those item(s) on the Agenda affected by Section 106 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 will be identified at the meeting. Any Members so affected is reminded that (s)he should disclose the fact and refrain from voting on those item(s).	
4.	DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and the nature of any personal interest that they have in any matter to be considered at this meeting. A Member with a personal interest in any matter to be considered at this meeting will also have a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. A Member who has a prejudicial interest must withdraw from the meeting room unless (s)he has obtained a dispensation from the Council's Standards Committee.	
5.	URGENT BUSINESS The Chair to report on any business which is considered to be urgent and which should be discussed at the meeting in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 and to determine when, during the meeting, any such business should be discussed.	
6.	REPORTS	
	1. Complaints to Standards Board for England (Report of Monitoring Officer).	(Oral report)
	2. The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002 Application for Dispensation (Report of Monitoring Officer).	4/9

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| 3. | Training for Members and Officers (Report of Monitoring Officer). | 10/11 |
| 4. | Bedfordshire Standards Committees Independent Members Group (Report of Vice-Chair). | 12/15 |
| 5. | Local Government Act 2003 Amendments to Local Government Act 2000 (Report of Monitoring Officer). | 16/17 |
| 6. | Revised Protocol for Member/Officer Relations (Report of Monitoring Officer). | 18/32 |
| 7. | Referrals from Ethical Standards Officers Procedure for Local Determination (Report of Monitoring Officer). | 33/45 |

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA

To consider whether to pass a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of any item listed above if it is likely that if members of the public were present during those items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within the Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.