

AGENDA

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- Committee** - **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
- Date & Time** - WEDNESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 2007 at 2.15 pm
- Venue** - NORFOLK ROOM, CONFERENCE SUITE, ELIZABETH HOUSE, WALPOLE LOKE, DEREHAM

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Committee Members:

Mr D. Williams, JP (Chairman) (*Breckland*)
Mr R. Childerhouse, JP (*Breckland*)
Mrs J. Jenkins (*Independent*)
Mrs M. Oechsle, JP (*Parish*)

Substitute Members

Councillor E. Gould (*Breckland*)
Mr J.P. Labouchere (*Breckland*)
Mr M. Eveling, JP (*Independent*)
Mr B. Rayner (*Parish*)
Mr M. Whittley (*Parish*)

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Date: Monday, 5 November 2007

PART A
ITEMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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herewith

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

2. URGENT BUSINESS

To note whether the Chairman proposes to accept any item as urgent business pursuant to Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Members' Code of Conduct requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a personal or prejudicial interest.

4. NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

To note the names of any non-members wishing to address the meeting.

5. COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLOR J.P. MCCARTHY, WATTON TOWN COUNCIL

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- Agenda item 8 - Appendices to the report of the Ethical Standards Officer."

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- Agenda item 9 - Appendices to the report of the Ethical Standards Officer."

7. **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH BILL - NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

To consider the implications for Standards Committees under The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill. New Regulations will require changes to the constitution of the Committee to enable complaints about alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct to be fully considered at the local level.

PART B - ITEMS FROM WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

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