

# AGENDA

**NOTE: In the case of non-members, this agenda is for information only**

- Committee** - **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
- Date & Time** - Tuesday, 22nd November, 2011 at 2.15 pm
- Venue** - Norfolk Room, Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham

**Members of the Committee requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Committee.**

## Committee Members

Mr. M. Eveling JP (*Independent*)(*Chairman*)  
Mrs. S.M. Matthews (*Breckland*)  
Mr. B. Rayner (*Parish*)  
Mr. G. Ridgway (*Independent*)

Mr. F. Sharpe (*Breckland*)  
Mrs J. R. Smith (*Parish*)  
Mr. A. D. Sommerville CPM (*Parish*)  
Mr. D. Williams JP (*Breckland*)

**Persons attending the meeting are requested to turn off mobile telephones**

Member Services  
Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke,  
Dereham Norfolk, NR19 1EE

Date: Friday, 11 November 2011



**PART A**  
**ITEMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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<p>1. <b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2011.</p>	1 - 4
<p>2. <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. <b><u>URGENT BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>4. <b><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>5. <b><u>NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING</u></b></p> <p>To note the names of any non-members wishing to address the meeting.</p>	
<p>6. <b><u>DISPENSATION GRANTED TO SCARNING PARISH COUNCIL (FOR INFORMATION)</u></b></p> <p>At Standards Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 the committee resolved at Minute 31/09(3): as a general rule in future, when a dispensation was granted to all members of a Town or Parish Council with a vacancy, delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to grant a dispensation for the same purpose to the new member when elected.</p> <p>At a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 Breckland Council's Standards Committee agreed to grant a dispensation to the parish councillors of Scarning Parish Council in respect of the Former Highway Surveyors Land at Daffy Green and the Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity.</p> <p>A letter was received from the Clerk to Scarning Parish Council, copy attached, requesting a dispensation for Councillor Mrs. Patricia Page following her co-option on to Scarning Parish Council.</p> <p>In line with the resolution made on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 the Monitoring Officer granted a dispensation to the parish councillor of Scarning Parish Council, namely Mrs. Patricia Page, in respect of the Former Highway Surveyors Land at Daffy Green and the Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity.</p>	5
<p>7. <b><u>STANDARDS ISSUES</u></b></p> <p>To receive the response from the Chief Executive, Mr T Huggins, on behalf of the Leader of the Council.</p>	6

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<p>8. <b><u>THE FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS REGIME - AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCALISM BILL</u></b></p> <p>Extracts from the House of Lords debate on 7 November are attached for information.</p>	7 - 10	
<p>9. <b><u>VEXATIOUS AND HABITUAL CORRESPONDENTS POLICY</u></b></p> <p>To consider a Policy to deal with vexatious and habitual correspondents.</p>	To Follow	
<p>10. <b><u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (STANDING ITEM)</u></b></p> <p>To note items for inclusion on future agendas.</p>		
<p>11. <b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>To note the date of the next meeting on 3 January 2012.</p>		
<p>12. <b><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>To consider passing the following resolution:</p> <p>“That under Section 100(A)(4) 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 disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.”</p>		
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<p>13. <b><u>LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMPLAINTS UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>To receive the Local Assessment complaints list.</p>	11 - 18	