

To: Councillors Taylor (Chair), Barrett-Payton, Dryden, Hymans, R Smith, Stebbings.

External members: Dr A Clark, Ms L Hobbs

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2005

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Committee Room 1, The Guildhall

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AGENDA

1 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2005. *Pages 1-2*

2 **APOLOGIES**

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare at this stage any interests which they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. If any member is unsure whether or not they should declare an interest on a particular matter, they are requested to seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services before the meeting.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – see below for detail of the scheme and other public information.

5 **PUBLICATION OF REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S COMPLAINTS HANDLING PERFORMANCE IN 2004/05**

Report by Head of Strategy & Partnerships pages 3-18

6 **PREVENTION OF FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY**

Report by Head of Internal Audit 19-25

7 **THE STANDARDS BOARD REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

Report by Director of Central Services pages 26-35

As referred to at the last meeting, the Standards Board is consulting on a review of the Code of Conduct for members. Responses are required by 17 June. Attached is a draft response which the Committee is asked to consider. Also attached are some comments by Cllr Barrett-Payton on one of the questions asked by the Board.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee is asked to consider the day of the week on which it meets and set the date for its next meeting only. The full Municipal Year has yet to be agreed and the Committee will agree a full year programme at the next meeting.

W/c 31 October,

Information for the public

You are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer, although it may be necessary to ask you to leave the room during the discussion of matters which are described as confidential on the agenda.

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