



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: **Wednesday, 2 September 2009**

Time: **3.00 p.m.**

Venue: **Committee Room, City Hall**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr P Franzen (Chair)  
Mr C Thrower (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Bearman  
Councillor Blower  
Councillor Gihawi  
Councillor Holmes  
Councillor Lay  
Councillor Lubbock

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## AGENDA

**1. Apologies**

**2. Public Questions**

To receive questions from the public (notice to be given to the Committee Officer by 10.00 a.m. on the day before the meeting.)

**3. Declarations of Interest**

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual members to declare an interest prior to an item if the members arrive late for the meeting).

**4. Minutes**

To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2009.

**5. Monitoring Officer Protocol**  
(Report of the Monitoring Officer)

**Purpose** - To consider the draft Monitoring Officer Protocol.

**6. Annual Monitoring Officer's Report**  
(Report of the Monitoring Officer)

**Purpose** - To summarise the key work carried out in 2008/09 and provide an assurance that the Council's control measures to the areas which are the responsibility of the Monitoring Officer are adequate and effective.

**7. Standards Board Intervention, Joint Standards Committees and Dispensations**  
(Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

**Purpose** - This report informs the Committee of the effect of the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009 Number 1255 ("the Regulations") which came into force on 15 June 2009.

The Regulations make provision about three matters; The power of the Standards Board to give a direction to a standards committee to suspend its initial assessment functions and to provide for them to be exercised by the Board or the standards committee of another authority; joint standards committees and the granting of dispensations to Members who would otherwise be prohibited from participating owing to a prejudicial interest.

**8. Standards and Ethics at Norwich City Council**  
(Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

**Purpose** - This report invites the Committee to consider ways in which the Standards Committee could enhance how it interacts with members and officers regarding the promotion of and the upholding of ethical standards in the Council and with the Council's partnerships.

It should be possible that by enhancing the role and involvement of the Standards Committee the Council could maintain or improve its reputation and make a positive difference to public trust. A strong commitment to ethical standards is linked to reputation and success

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