# **Medway Council**

### STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Civic Suite Civic Centre Strood Thursday, 22 April 2004 7pm

## AGENDA

#### 1 RECORD OF THE MEETING

To agree and sign the record of the meeting held on 16 March 2004.

- 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 3 URGENT MATTERS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- (a) Personal interests under the Medway Code of Conduct;
- (b) Prejudicial interests under the Medway Code of Conduct.

A councillor who declares a prejudicial interest must withdraw from the room unless a dispensation has been obtained from the Council's Standards Committee.

If an interest is not declared at the outset of the meeting, it should be disclosed as soon as the interest becomes apparent.

# 5 CONSULTATION ON STANDARDS PROCEDURE - COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

This report asks members to consider a response by the Monitoring Officer to the questionnaire submitted on behalf of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

# 6 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE ON LOCAL DETERMINATION/INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS

This report asks members to agree to a response to the consultation document issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and the Standards Board for England dealing with local determination of complaints.

#### 7 UPDATE ON STANDARDS ISSUES

The purpose of this report is to update members on key developments relating to the work of the committee.

- 8 DISPENSATIONS
- 9 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

Judith Armitt Chief Executive

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13 April 2004