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| Name of Committee: | STANDARDS |
| Meeting Date: | 17 December 2007 |
| Directorate: | Chief Executive |
| Corporate Manager: | Francis Fernandes Solicitor to the Council |
| Agenda Status: | Public |

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| Report Title | Standards Committee Newsletter |
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1. Summary

The Report encloses the draft Standards Committee Newsletter for observations and comments on its content to date.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee consider the content of the Newsletter

2.2 The Newsletter, incorporating any further comments/amendments from the Committee is published in January 2008.

3. Report Background

3.1 The Standards Committee has produced periodic newsletters for the benefit of all Members, Parish Councillors and relevant officers. The newsletter generally covers current issues but also provides the vehicle to update Members on the national position, to provide updated advice on matters in relation to Standards generally and to also remind Members of their obligations in relation to the Code of Conduct and the Register of Interests.

3.2 Given the amount of paper Members have to read and deal with, the intention was that the newsletter be eye catching providing headline information without

too much detail, in an easy to read format.

- 3.3 It is now twelve months since the last release. The Council has a new Committee and there are to be significant changes to the work of the Standards Committee under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 that requires conveying to the Council's Members, Parish Councillors and Officers.

4. Implications (including Financial Implications)

4.1 Financial Implications

Printing costs - The Budget is adequate to meet such costs.

4.2 Legal

None

4.3 Other Implications

None

5. Background Papers

| Title | Description | Source |
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| Previous Newsletters | | |
| Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 | | |

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