

**Date of meeting**           Tuesday, 23 July 2013

**Time**                       7.00 pm

**Venue**                    **Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,  
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG**

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# **Standards**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Pages 1 - 4)**  
Held on 7 January 2013, to be signed as a correct record.
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Local Government Ombudsman Annual Letter Arrangements (Pages 5 - 6)**
- 5 OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON PERSONAL INTERESTS (Pages 7 - 18)  
- A GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS - REVISED GOVERNMENT  
GUIDANCE**

The attached guidance was issued in March 2013 by the Department for Communities and Local Government, and supersedes the previous version issued in August 2012.

The committee is requested to note the content of the guidance, which will be circulated to all members.

- 6 Urgent Business**
- 7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The committee is invited to resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following four items because it is likely that there will be a disclosure in each case of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **PART 2 – CLOSED AGENDA**

- 8 MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT ON COMPLAINT  
REFERENCE SBO14/13 (Pages 19 - 26)**

A copy of the model arrangements for dealing with Standards allegations under the Localism Act 2011 is appended to this item to assist the committee in dealing with it and the following two items.

- 9      **Monitoring Officer's Report on Complaint Reference SBO15/13**      **(Pages 27 - 28)**
- 10     **Monitoring Officer's Report on Complaint Reference SBO17/13**      **(Pages 29 - 30)**
- 11     **Appointment of Reserve Independent Person(s)**                      **(Pages 31 - 36)**

**Members:**      Councillors Mrs Beech, Cairns, Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Mrs Hambleton (Chair),  
Mrs Heesom (Vice-Chair) and Olszewski

**Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.**

*Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.*