# **Decision Summary**

**Committee:** Standards Committee

Date: 7 April 2009 Committee Clerk: Andrea Woodside Tel: 01484 221000

#### Chair

David Paul Sheard

#### **Councillors Attended**

Derek John Hardcastle, Nigel Patrick, David Ridgway, Ken Smith

## **Co-opted Members**

Mr P Blythe (Chair) (Independent Member)
Mr D J Binns (Independent Member)
Councillor M Barlow (Denby Dale Parish Council)

# 1. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 February 2009.

**Decision:** Approved as a correct record.

#### 2. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda about which they might have a personal interest which prevents them from taking part in the discussions. They could be financial or some other reason. A form is attached for completion by Councillors if they have an interest in any of the items to be discussed at the meeting. Please complete this form and return it to the Committee Officer at the end of the meeting.

**Decision:** No interests were declared.

#### 3. Admission of the public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

**Decision:** Determined.

## 4. Deputations / Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public.

A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

**Decision:** No deputations or petitions were submitted.

## 5. Public question time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

**Decision:** No questions were asked.

## 6. Standards Committee - Work Programme

To give consideration to a proposed work programme for the Standards Committee.

**Contact:** Susan Betteridge 01484 221362

**Decision:** That the Work Programme be noted.

## 7. Freedom of Speech

To receive details on 'Freedom of Speech' and the operation of the Code of Conduct.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

**Decision:** That the report be noted.

#### 8. Adjudication Panel for England - Decisions

To receive details of recent decisions of the Adjudication Panel for England decisions.

Contact: Dermot Pearson 01484 221437

**Decision:** That the report be noted.