

Standards Committee

9 December 2015

Thursday 17 December 2015, Room 0.01, Ground Floor, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside commencing at **4.00 pm.**

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1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. Appointment of Substitute Members

To be notified of the appointment of any Substitute Members.

3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

You are invited to declare any registerable and/or nonregisterable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.

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4.	Minutes	3 - 6
	To confirm the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 3 September 2015.	
5.	Invited Guests	-
	Councillor M Green, Chair of the Licensing Committee and Mr M Scrimshaw, Independent Chair, North East Combined Authority are invited to engage in a dialogue with the Committee on ethical Governance, ethical standards and standards procedures.	
6.	Regional Meeting of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Standards Committees and Independent Persons	7 - 10
	To consider a report on the most recent regional meeting of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Standards Committees and Independent Persons.	
7.	Member Development	11- 13
	To consider a report on the Member Development Programme consultation process and agree the formal governance/decision making arrangements for future member development programmes.	
8.	Standards Committee Action Plan/Work Programme	14 - 18
	To consider an update report on the Action Plan/Work Programme of the Committee for the year up to 31 March 2016 and current progress.	

Circulated to All Members of the Standards Committee:

Councillor Jim Allan

Councillor Peter Earley (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Sandra Graham

Councillor Nigel Huscroft

Councillor Carl Johnson (Chair)

Councillor Frank Lott

Councillor Maureen Madden

Councillor Paul Mason

Councillor John O'Shea

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Mr George Clark – Independent Person Mrs Stella Gardner – Independent Person