

Time Commenced – 10.00am
Time Finished – 11.30am

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
29 OCTOBER 2007**

Present: Reverend Canon R B Blowers – Chair
Mrs C McDowall, Mr P Sunderland
Councillors Skelton and Wood

Officers in Attendance: Michael Foote - Corporate Director - Corporate and
Adult Services

29/07 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jackson.

30/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

31/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2007 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

33/07 Down to Detail

The Chair provided the Committee with feedback from the sixth annual assembly of Standards Committees. This was supported by fact sheets that were attached to the agenda for information.

The Chair reported that local determination would start in April 2008. The Council needed to compile a revised complaint form and booklet to assist people wanting to use the process. The advice from the conference and the Standards Board was that Standards Committee's should form sub-committees to determine whether the complaint warrants investigation – a filtering process, and to determine an appeal. Members that heard the first case could not then hear the appeal.

Michael Foote advised that a report would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee to put forward proposals for how this new process would work.

It was noted that one of the fact sheets referred to the range of sanctions in the Standards Committee determinations guidance not being up to date.

Councillor Wood suggested using the fact sheets for reference at the councillors' annual training session.

Resolved

- 1. To consider a report on the proposals for managing the local determination arrangements that will come into effect in April 2008, at the next meeting of the Committee.**
- 2. To ask the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services to provide the Committee with an up to date list of sanctions.**

34/07 Code of Conduct DVD

The Committee watched and considered the Code of Conduct DVD 'The Code Uncovered'.

Resolved to note the DVD 'The Code Uncovered'.

35/07 Dates of Future Meetings

The Committee agreed the following dates for future meetings, all meetings to commence at 10.00am.

Monday 21 January 2008
Monday 14 April 2008
Monday 14 July 2008
Monday 27 October 2008

MINUTES END