

Time Commenced – 10.00am
Time Finished – 11.35am

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
23 APRIL 2007**

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

Officers in Attendance: Michael Foote, Corporate Director, Corporate and
Adult Social Services
Steve Dunning, Assistant Director – Democratic
Services

19/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jackson.

20/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

21/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2007 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

22/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

**23/06 Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order
2007**

The Committee considered the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007. The Council had six months from the date it became law to adopt the Order and implement it. It was proposed that the Code be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Council with the request that the Code come into force from 1 July 2007. Training on the Code would then be completed in June 2007. The Members Code of Conduct Protocol would need to be revised and would be considered by this Committee before going to Council. The Standards Board would issue guidance which would be used for training purposes.

Resolved to recommend the Council to

- 1. formally adopt the Model Code of Conduct set out in the Schedule to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, from 1 July 2007, in place of the Council's existing code.**

2. circulate the Code to Members of the Council.
3. issue a press release when the Code had been adopted.
4. instruct the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services to deliver compulsory training sessions for all members and statutory co-optees in June 2007, the Ten General Principles of Public Life to be included as part of the training.

24/06 Ombudsman Findings on Stage 3 Complaints

There were no outstanding Stage 3 Complaints.

Resolved to rename this item 'Feedback on Stage 3 Complaints' for future meetings.

25/06 Update on Complaints in Hand

There were no complaints currently with the Standards Board for investigation.

26/06 Conferences

It was noted that the Standards Board for England were organising an afternoon conference in Nottingham on 13 June 2007. Philip Sunderland and appropriate officers would attend.

The annual conference of the Board was being held in October 2007. Canon Blowers together with, Michael Foote, Steve Dunning or Stuart Leslie would attend.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed