
MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE	8 JUNE 2007
PRESENT	C BAINTON (INDEPENDENT MEMBER, IN THE CHAIR), COUNCILLORS KIRK, HUDSON PARISH COUNCILLOR B MELLORS (SUBSTITUTE)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR HORTON R LEAMAN (INDEPENDENT MEMBER) PARISH COUNCILLOR D CRAWFORD

PART A – MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they had in the business on the agenda. Parish Councillor Brian Mellors declared a personal and prejudicial in Agenda Item 5 (Application for Dispensation by Bishopthorpe Parish Council) minute 5 refers, as he is one of the Parish Councillors seeking dispensation.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED : That the minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's public participation scheme.

4. REVIEW OF WORKPLAN

Members considered a workplan for 2006/2007 in light of the workplan for 2006/2007. The amended workplan is attached to these minutes.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION BY BISHOPTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred, and be considered at the next meeting of this committee on 20 July.

REASON: As the meeting was not quorate to make a decision on this item.

6. THE REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS 2007

Members considered a report which recommended that the Standards Committee recommend to Council adoption of the new Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members 2007. The report detailed the main changes to the code.

Paragraph 10 of the report was corrected to refer to paragraph 14 and not paragraph 15.

RESOLVED :

- (ii) That all Members are notified of the need to renew their Registration of Interests within 28 days of adoption
- (iii) That a copy of the revised Code of Conduct be provided to every Member of Council

REASON : To ensure that the Council operates an up-to-date Code of Conduct in compliance with Statutory Regulations.

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDED :

- (i) That the Council adopt the revised Code Of Conduct with effect from 1 August 2007.

REASON : To ensure that the Council operates an up-to-date Code of Conduct in compliance with Statutory Regulations.

C BAINTON

Independent Member, In the Chair

The meeting started at 3.10 pm and finished at 4.10 pm.

2007/2008 Workplan for Standards Committee

Ongoing Activities

Cases referred for investigation or determination
 Database of Standards Committee topics
 Standards Board Guidance
 Parish Council Issues
 Member and Officer Training

Programme of New Work

<u>Programme of New Work</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Communication / Strategic Activity</u>
Confidentiality and Transparency – Conclusions of the Executive on the report of the Scrutiny Panel	26 January 2007	Report gone to Executive and all recommendations approved. The two matters referred to SMC have been completed.
Amendments to the Members' Code of Conduct	26 January 2007	An informal meeting to be held before the introduction of the code.
Advice to Elected Members re activities during the purdah period	26 January 2007	Completed
Ethical Governance Audit	26 January 2007	To be considered at the meeting of 20 July.
Presentation on new Committee Management System	June 2007	A 15 minute slot to be arranged at the 20 July meeting.
Annual Report	23 March 2007	At the meeting of 14 March 2008.

Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life	TBA	Completed.
Parish Councils – Good Practice at Meetings	May 2007	To be put on hold depending upon the complaints that come in. Remove from workplan.
Review of the Complaints Procedure	June 2007	This is out for consultation with Officers. To be considered at this meeting on 20 July and then to be considered by the Social Inclusion Working Group.
Employee Code of Conduct – Member/Officer training.	2006/07	To be considered at the September meeting.
Member Officer Relations Protocol	September	
Preparation for Local Determination	November	
<u>Programme of New Work</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Communication / Strategic Activity</u>
Full Ethical Audit	2006/07	Yes As per earlier item.
Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) – contribution of Standards Committee	The November 2007 meeting at the latest	
Assessment of the impact of the Whit Paper on Standards Committee	September 2007	