

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

GENERAL REPORT

1. This report sets out a brief summary of the main items considered at the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 14 June 2007.

Revised Code of Conduct

2. The Committee heard that, as recommended by the Standards Committee, the Council adopted the revised Code of Conduct on 15 May 2007. A training event had been held for Councillors on 17 May and the agenda item regarding declarations of interests on all committee agendas had been updated to reflect the revised Code.
3. The Council had written to all Parish Councils requesting them to confirm when the Code would be adopted. The Council had offered to publish a notice in the press, on behalf of all Parishes, giving notice that a new Code had been adopted as required by Regulations.
4. Copies of the form for the registration of financial and other interests devised by the Council had been forwarded to all Parish Council clerks and an invitation to training sessions in July and September for clerks and Parish Councillors would be sent out in the next week.

Developing a work plan for the Standards Committee

5. The Committee discussed the creation of a work plan for the Standards Committee. The points would be formed into a draft work plan and presented to the next meeting of the Committee.
6. The topics included: protocols on the use of Council resources, guidance on dealing with confidential information, developments from the Adjudication Panel arising from case law and having a 'mentoring' scheme with the Parish Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

7. The Council is recommended to note the report.

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There are no background papers to this report.