

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Your attendance is requested at a meeting to be held at the Jeffery Room,
Guildhall on Tuesday, 18 September 2007 at 5:00 pm.

J. Edwards
Interim Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES
3. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES
4. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
- 5. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT- UPDATE J. Inch
x 7355
Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy herewith)
- 6. WORK PLAN F.
Fernandes
x 7334
Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy herewith)
7. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS F.
Fernandes
x 7334
Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy to follow)
8. PAST STANDARDS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS J. Buckler
x 7341
Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy to follow)
9. STANDARDS BOARD UPDATE J. Buckler
x 7341
Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy to follow)
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH BILL J. Inch
x 7335
Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy to follow)
11. STANDARDS BOARD DVD F.
Fernandes
x 7334
Solicitor to the Council to Report
12. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS
THE CHAIR TO MOVE:
"THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF SUCH CATEGORIES OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED BY SECTION 100(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS LISTED AGAINST SUCH ITEMS OF BUSINESS BY REFERENCE TO THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH OF SCHEDULE 12A TO SUCH ACT."

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

**Exempted Under Schedule
12A of L.Govt Act 1972
Para No:-**

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Appendices



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Item No.

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Name of Committee:	STANDARDS
Meeting Date:	18 September 2007
Directorate:	
Corporate Manager:	Francis Fernandes Solicitor to the Council
Agenda Status:	Public part of Cabinet Agenda

Report Title

NEW CODE OF CONDUCT - UPDATE

Recommendations

That the Report be noted.

Background

At the last meeting on 10 July 2007 the Committee received a report on the Revised Model Code of Conduct. Following this the full Council adopted the Revised Model Code at their meeting on 23 July 2007, to take effect on 1 September 2007. So the *revised Code is now in operation.*

Councillors have been sent new declaration of interest forms to complete under the new Code.

An update on the position with Parish Councils will be given at the meeting.

Background Papers

Code of Conduct file

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Report Title	WORK PLAN
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Recommendations

That the Committee agrees the work plan, attached at Appendix "A"

Background

Standards Committee considered a draft Work Plan at its meeting on 10 July 2007 and accepted it subject to item 8 of the Work Plan including a review of relevant policies and protocols relating to the conduct of employees.

Following a meeting between the Monitoring Officer, Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Chair of Standards Committee, timescales were agreed for the delivery of the plan. These can be found in Appendix A

Background Papers

FJF – Standards File

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APPENDIX A

STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME – 2007 ONWARDS

1. Code of Conduct Training for Members **[to be determined]**.
2. Standards Training for Members of Standards Committee **[to be determined]**.
3. Code of Conduct Training for parish Councillors [to be determined].
4. Review Register of Interests & Gifts & Hospitality for Employees and Members **[by December 2007]**.
5. Review as to how effectively Members comply with the Code of Conduct **[by March 2008]**.
6. Review of the workings of the Standards Committee **[by March 2008]**.
7. Conduct Quarterly Review of Complaints Handling and Ombudsman Reports as received **[by December 2007]**.
8. Review of Relevant Policies, e.g. Whistleblowing Policy & Procedures **[by March 2008]**.
9. Publicise Role and Work of Standards Committee – Action Plan to be Developed **[by December 2007]**.
10. Review of Ethical Governance Health Check & Any Action Arising **[by March 2008]**.
11. Prepare Annual Report for Full Council **[by March 2008]**.